



The word "repentance" in the Bible truly means the act of changing one's mind. Now, true biblical repentance goes beyond regret, remorse or feeling bad about our sins. What our mindset should be is changing how we relate to our past transgressions and concentrate on living a mature future under the canopy of Christ.

Here we have our fellow brother, John the Baptist, telling us in today's scripture to "repent" because the Kingdom of God is near. We'll read more of this impact and the profound changes in our lifestyle when we change our mindset - read Luke 3:8-14.

True repentance has three elements.

1) Being aware of your sins, guilt and helplessness

Psalm 51:4-10 & 109:21-22.

2) Clinging to God's mercy in Jesus - Psalm 51:1 & 130:4.

3) Radically pursue to live, act, and talk like, and obey God in everything that we do - 2 Tim. 2:19-22 & 1 Peter 1:16.

The focus of Christ's mission was as He said in Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." So beloved, the Bible is clear that repentance involves a change of heart, mind, attitude and actions. Be encouraged and know that we can do all these things through Christ who strengthens us.

Blessed to be a blessing to others.

