

It is God's desire and command that we repent as believers. When we accept Jesus as our Redeemer, we then begin a walk with Christ in repentance. We are to die to our flesh and become more like Christ in everything we do. Repentance produces good fruit and God is faithful to lead us there in kindness. We are to be the salt and light for the people in this world whom we come in contact with, and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. If we do not live Christ's likeness and demonstrate living proof of a change of life as a Christian, then we have not repented as God commands. It is never too late to repent and be set free of sin.

- Matt 3:8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,
- Mark 1:4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
- Luke 5:32 I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."
- Acts 20:21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Rom 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?
- 2 Cor 7:9-10 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- 2 Tim 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,
- 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- Matt 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Discussion Item 1: *Do you seek out repentance in your walk with God?*

Discussion Item 2: *What fruit has repentance produced in your life?*

Life Application: *Ask the Lord to keep you from temptation of a continuous sin in order to see and feel the fruit of repentance.*

Helpful Definition:

repentance - The act of repenting, or the state of being penitent; sorrow for what one has done or omitted to do; especially, contrition for sin. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. Repentance is a change of mind, or a conversion from sin to God. Repentance is the relinquishment of any practice from the conviction that it has offended God. Sorrow, fear, and anxiety are properly not parts, but adjuncts, of repentance; yet they are too closely connected with it to be easily separated. (*Webster*)

Notes:

Proverb 4:15 Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

Psalms 34:14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.