

A New Heart: Step Two

Repentance

Teshuvah (תשובה): The primary noun used for repentance. It comes from the root verb **Shuv (שוב)**, which means to turn around, go back, or return.

Ezekiel 36:24-28

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.**25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. **28** And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Why Should We Repent?

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Luke 13:3

"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Acts 3:19

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

Repentance Happens in Three Steps:

Acknowledge We Have Fallen from God's Plan and Calling for Our Purpose for Being.

Notice for "being" Jesus taught us about being.

See the Beatitudes:

Confesses our sins fallenness from said plan and purpose

Commitment to return to plan and purpose.

Acts 3:19

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God Calls Us to Repentance.

Luke 5:32

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"

Acts 17:30

"commands all people everywhere to repent."

God Draws Us to Repentance.

Romans 2:4

explains that "the goodness of God leads you to repentance,

God Encourages Us to Repentance.

See Jonah: "I am the reason we are perishing...:

1 Kings 8:35

When heaven is shut up, and there is **no rain**, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

It is said that God never will force us to repentance.
Because repentance is an act of will. I totally disagree.

Will God Force People to Repentance?

If repentance is returning ourselves to God's original intended purpose.
And that purpose is to exult and glorify God. Then I tell you that everyone will repent and turn to God.

Romans 14:7-12

7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. **8** If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. **9** For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.**11** It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”[b]

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Question Is Not If but When.

Early enough to receive the blessing that comes from repentance.

Or too late and you only get to see it from a distance.

Rich man Lazarus

John 16:23-28

23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24** So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' **25** "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' **27** "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, **28** for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

Psalms 18:6

In my distress I called upon the Lord and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple.

Psalms 42:7

Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me.

Psalms 31:22

For I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before Your eyes"; nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You.