

The Essentials
Repentance

Heb. 6:1-2

Notice what is first.

- Matt. 3:2 - John the Baptist
- Matt. 4:17 - Jesus

Repentance is always the first step toward getting the government (kingdom) of God in your life.

Definition of repentance

- The Greek word for repentance literally means “a change of mind”
- We think that God is trying to get us to change our emotions or our actions. God is trying to get us to change our beliefs. This is because that’s the only way to see a permanent change in our behavior.
- This means we end up agreeing with God about where life is found.

Being sorry is not enough! 2 Cor. 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Worldly sorrow says, “get me out of here!”

The fruit of real repentance is a zeal to become the right kind of person – 2 Cor. 7:11

“See what this sorrow—the sorrow God wanted you to have—has done to you: It has made you very serious. It made you want to restore yourselves. It made you angry and afraid. It made you want to see me. It made you care. It made you want to do the right thing. In every way you have regained your innocence” (NCV)

There is no ‘can we move on...?’

- Jesus told the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 to illustrate this.
*¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, **give** me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. **Make** me like one of your hired servants.’*
- “Look what’s happened to me” vs. “Look what I’ve become”

Repentance from dead works (Heb. 6:1)

Not just ‘evil’ works

Where life is found

Just like Lordship, repentance is both beginning and ongoing.

Col. 2:6 - *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him*

Repentance is required for a true cleansing from our sins

Prov. 28:13 Two things we must do:

- (1)
- (2)

Do I need to repent today?