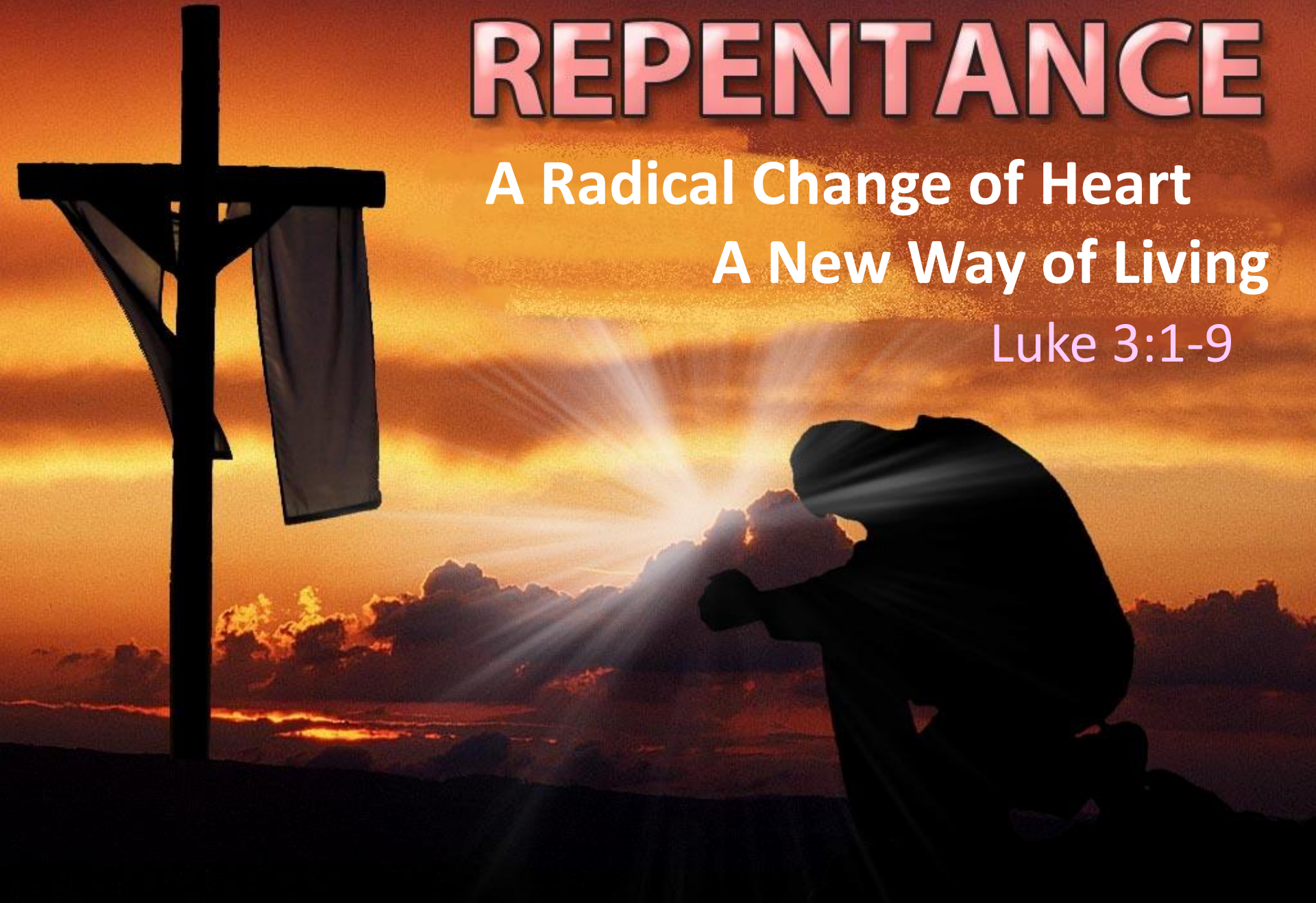


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A Radical Change of Heart

A New Way of Living

Luke 3:1-9

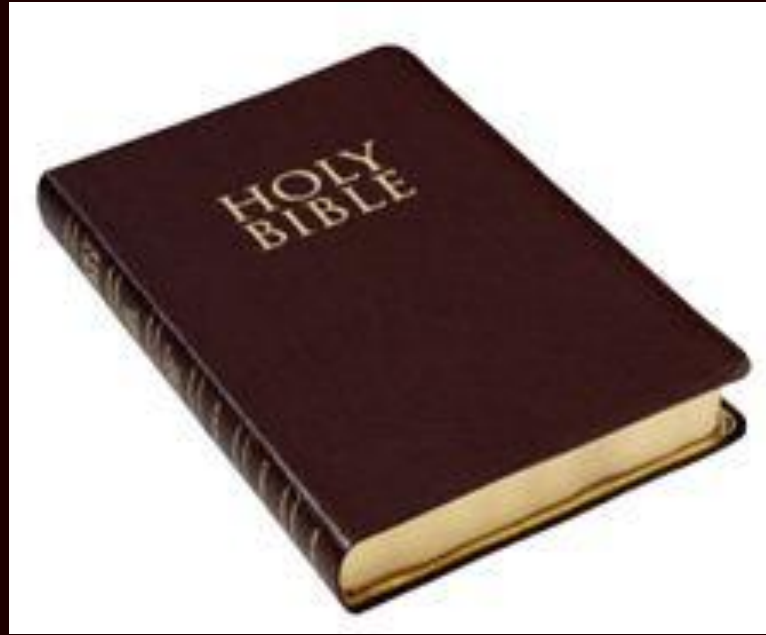




Save our ship
Save our souls



Unconditional Surrender!



Job 42:6

⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, And repent
in dust and ashes."

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Principles of Repentance

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Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Luke 24:45-47).

Every failure in repentance robs heaven of one of the joys that rightfully belongs there. There is neither need nor room for speculation about repentance; God's Word is clear. The following principles are evident as we open the Scriptures on this critical topic.



Repentance IS A GIFT FROM GOD

Repentance is not a natural trait that lies dormant, just waiting to be aroused and utilized. Peter recognized this when he saw the kingdom expanding: "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:17-18).

Paul encouraged church leaders faithfully teaching the truth to those who believe falsehood, "... If perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2 Timothy 2:24-26).



Repentance IS NOT A SINGLE ACT BUT AN ONGOING AND CONTINUAL ATTITUDE

It is common to hear someone describing repentance as a past accomplishment, saying things like, "I repented when I was eighteen years old," or, "You don't need to worry about me, I'm all right with God. I repented twelve years ago."

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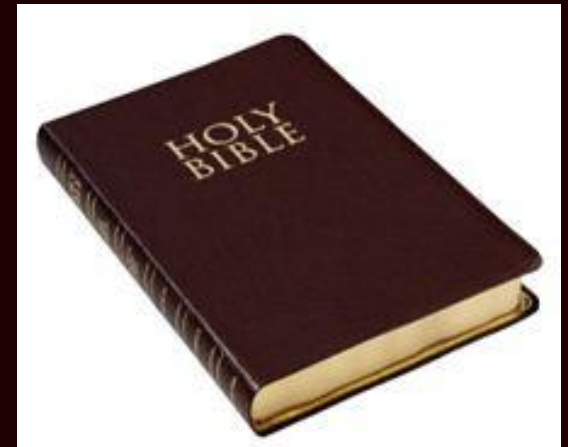
What is it and what does it look like?

a. Repentance is a gift from God.

Acts 11:17-18

¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."



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b. Repentance is not a single act but an ongoing and continual attitude.

Ephesians 4:17-32

¹⁷ Let me say this, then, speaking for the Lord: Live no longer as the unsaved do, for they are blinded and confused. ¹⁸ Their closed hearts are full of darkness; they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds against him, and they cannot understand his ways. ¹⁹ They don't care anymore about right and wrong and have given themselves over to impure ways.

They stop at nothing, being driven by their evil minds and reckless lusts. ²⁰ But that isn't the way Christ taught you! ²¹ If you have really heard his voice and learned from him the truths concerning himself, ²² then throw off your old evil nature—the old you that was a partner in your evil ways—rotten through and through, full of lust. ²³ Now your attitudes and thoughts **must all be constantly changing for the better.** ²⁴ **Yes, you must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature.**

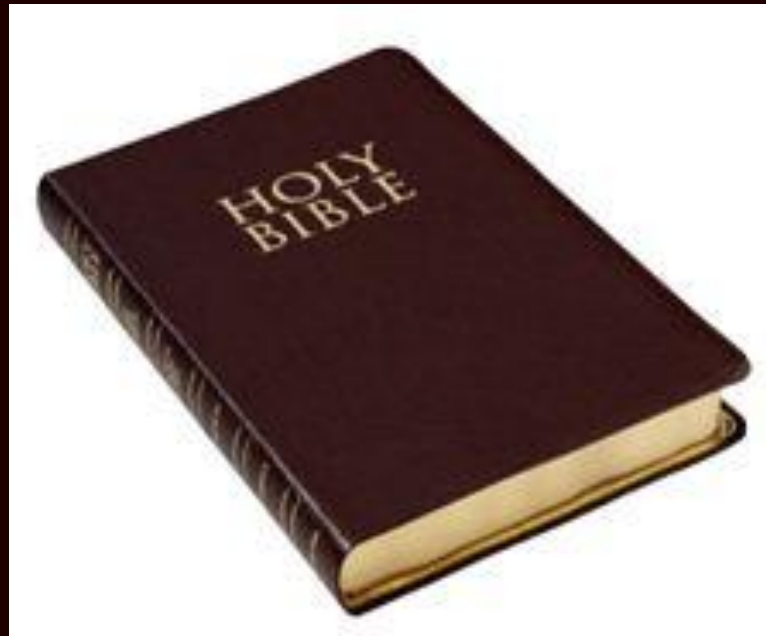
²⁵ Stop lying to each other; tell the truth, for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves. ²⁶ If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it quickly; ²⁷ for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil. ²⁸ If anyone is stealing he must stop it and begin using those hands of his for honest work so he can give to others in need. ²⁹ Don't use bad language.

Say only what is good and helpful to those you are talking to, and what will give them a blessing. ³⁰ Don't cause the Holy Spirit sorrow by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who marks you to be present on that day when salvation from sin will be complete. ³¹ Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ.

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c. Repentance is turning not merely from what you have done but from what you are.



Psalms 51:5 (NKJV)

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

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d. Repentance is not what you do for yourself but what you do for God.

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e. Repentance deals not merely with the fruits of sin but with the very roots.

SIN

A stylized illustration of a red tree. The canopy at the top is filled with the word 'SIN' in large, bold, black letters. The trunk of the tree branches out into seven roots, each labeled with one of the seven deadly sins: PRIDE, COVETOUSNESS, LUST, ANGER, GLUTTONY, ENVY, and LAZINESS. The roots are thick and gnarled, extending downwards into a dark, shadowy ground. The background is a light, hazy sky with some faint, wispy clouds.

PRIDE

COVETOUSNESS

LUST

ANGER

GLUTTONY

ENVY

LAZINESS

1 John 2:16



James 4:1-2

1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

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f. Repentance is not secret but open.

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g. Repentance is both negative and positive.

Daniel 4:27

"Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness, and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity"

Matthew 3:8

"Therefore bring forth fruit
in keeping with repentance"

Acts 26:20

"should repent and turn to God,
performing deeds appropriate to
repentance"

2. The Results/Rewards of Repentance

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a) Salvation and No Regrets!

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b) God promises to personally teach and train the repentant sinner.

Psalm 32:8

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

Luke 3:10-20

And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

Luke 3:10-20

And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

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c) Realization of the depth of God's love, grace and mercy and the reward of a restored relationship with our Creator.



**Genuine repentance involves a
radical change of heart
and a new way of living.**