

Repentance – God’s precious gift
Revelation 3:19, 2Timothy 2:24-26

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“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent.” Revelation 3:19.
 If perhaps God will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Timothy 2:25. See 2Timothy 2:24-26.

We all have to admit that we are not perfect in every- thing.

We all fall short in some things from time to time. James 3:2.

When things have gone wrong for us, we call on the Lord for help, and if our problem is because of some need of change in our behaviour, the Lord causes us to become aware of this. Romans 12:2.

At this point we have to make a choice.

Do we carry on as before, or will we change our mind, thinking, speaking and our behaviour, to be in line with God’s will?

For example: I have spoken an unkind word to my wife. Ephesians 4:32.

The “atmosphere” of our relationship becomes unpleasant.

I have a choice to make.

Do I continue in my pride, or do I humble myself, ask for forgiveness, and make a decision not to behave that way again?

Another example: I have taken something that does not belong to me. Ephesians 4:28.

My conscience tells me I have done wrong. That God given inner voice that we read about in Romans 2:15, speaks to me.

I have a choice to make.

Do I ignore it, or do I change my mind and return what I have stolen, or make restitution if I can- not return the article?

And another: I have spoken words, which I know not to be the truth. Ephesians 4:15, 25.

My conscience challenges me.

I have a choice to make. Do I say nothing or do I humble myself and admit the untruth?

The Holy Spirit lives in us and is our inward teacher. John 14:26, John 16:13, 1John 2:27.

He teaches us the way of God, as it is taught in the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit and God’s Word always agree. John 16:13. **God’s WORD is truth.** John 17:17.

Perhaps I have been watching the TV. A lustful scene appears and I know that I should not watch it. Lust is sin against God. Ephesians 4:22-24, 5:3-6. Change channels. Switch it off. Set your mind on things above. Colossians 3:1-3.

The Greek word for “**repentance**”, *metanoia*, means to have “**a change of mind**”, a change of thinking about an issue.

(Young’s Concordance). Mark 2:17, Acts 20:21, Romans 2:4, 2Timothy 2:25, Hebrews 6:1, 2Peter 3:9.

The Greek word for “**repent**”, *metanoeo*, means “**to have another mind**”.

(Young’s Concordance). Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15, Luke 13:3, 5, Acts 2:38, Acts 17:30, Revelation 2:5, Revelation 3:19.

Do not be conformed to **this world**, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove, what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2.

Our minds are transformed as we read the Word of God, John 8:31, 32 – 36, **and listen to, and believe, what the Holy Spirit says to us**, John 14:26, John 16:13, 1John 2:27.

The whole world lies under the influence of the evil one, 1John 5:19, and we need to be released from its influence.

Only God’s Word and the Holy Spirit can do this as we earnestly seek God for His way and His will.

We can be far from God in the pig sties of this world. Luke 15:13-16.

But if we cry to the Lord for help, He will hear our cry and show us the way of repentance, and recovery, and restoration.

The Father is waiting for us, and He will see us coming and run to receive us back to Him.

Luke 15:17-24.

Ezekiel 18:32. God has no pleasure in the death of him that dies. God says, “**Turn your-selves and live.**”

Also: Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Deuteronomy 30:15, Deuteronomy 30:19, 2Peter 3:9.

God is good, forbearing and longsuffering. **His goodness leads us to repentance.** Romans 2:4.