

Repentance

Salvation Series

(Part 1)

Salvation

What does Salvation mean?

- Rescue

Christian Salvation

Saved from sin and made alive to God

- forgiven of your sins
- made alive in your spirit to God
- restored relationship with God
- adopted as a child of God
- empowered to follow Jesus by the Holy Spirit
- freed from slavery to self, sin, the devil and this world system
- free from fear of death and given eternal life

Repentance

Repentance is a key part of Salvation

A few repentance Scriptures

Matthew 3:11 (ESV)

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

[John the Baptist]

Mark 1:15 (ESV)

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”

[Jesus]

Matthew 11:20-21 (ESV)

"Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."

[Jesus]

Repentance

Repentance - Turning Away

Repentance:

a Change of Mind, Heart and Direction.

Results of Repentance:

Forgiveness and Salvation

Sin

Sin is missing the mark or falling short of God's holiness.

- Doing bad things (committing sin)
- Not doing things you ought (sins of omission)
- Sins of the heart (idolatry)

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

"23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

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

A "But God" moment!

But God didn't leave us helpless in our sin...

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

"8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Salvation

Made right with God through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Mark 1:14-15 (ESV)

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Repentance

- Acknowledging your sin
- Turning away from sin and turning to God, asking his forgiveness.
- Believing that Jesus is God's solution to sin; and confessing with your mouth that you recognise Jesus as God's sin solution.

Romans 10:9-11 (ESV)

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

11 And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’”

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

0 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)

22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Action Required

Repentance Requires Action!

James 2:20 (NKJV)

"20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead [useless]?"

Luke 3:7-8 (ESV)

7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Matthew 18:23-35 (ESV)

23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Matthew 18:23-35 (ESV)

26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

Matthew 18:23-35 (ESV)

29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

Matthew 18:23-35 (ESV)

32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (ESV)

"24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will."

Romans 2:4 (ESV)

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Romans 13:11 (ESV)

"Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."

2 Corinthians 6:2 (ESV)

For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Sinners Prayer - A, B, C, D

A - **Admit** - that you are a sinner

B - **Believe** - that through Jesus' death your sins are paid

C - **Confess** - Jesus as your saviour and Lord

D - **Do** - walk in a way consistent with repentance

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Prayer