

REPENTANCE

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So if I repented from "sin" but not all my sins; because I could not remember all my sins, am I not saved? That is if repentance is to turn FROM SIN or SINS! And if this is so, how do I know that I repented in this way? Am I not still a sinner? So if you are still a sinner did you in fact TURN (repent) from your sins? If not, then are you actually saved? If this is needed to be saved how can ANYONE be saved?

Repentance to salvation would be to turn FROM what you are trusting in to get you to heaven and turn TO what God requires to get you to heaven. God REQUIRES you to RECEIVE the Lord Jesus Christ and when you DO that, you are repenting from trusting in your own righteousness because the Lord Jesus Christ IS God's righteousness.

Romans 10:3-4, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

John 1:12-13, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 8:24, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

In definition of "the gospel" we read in: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" Which has not the word repent, or any form of repentance; but it does have received and believed; and by definition the gospel is summed up in "...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

And the statement is to receive HIM by faith (belief) this means you trust HIM instead of YOURSELF; ergo: repentance or turning from your own self-righteousness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

IF repentance is to turn from your sins and God repented then did God turn from His sins? Furthermore, If repentance is to turn from your sins; what happens when you sin after you are saved, was that a sin you did NOT turn from and therefore would you either lose your salvation or were you not saved to begin with?

The bottom line is mankind sins because we are self-righteous; that means we lie to ourselves to make us what we are not. A sinner gets to heaven by imputed righteousness not by cleaning up his own sins or turning from them. Yes you admit to God you are a sinner; but you don't confess your sins to get saved. I am sure if you are in your 30's or 40's you just don't remember all of them to repent from them all. Perhaps you are young; and do remember them all. Then you are still a babe in Christ if you put that on someone that was in the occult and got saved or someone involved in some habitual sins prior to salvation. If you have to repent from all your sins, then you have to remember them all! That would make salvation impossible for someone like me. I was saved July 28th, 1981; and remember that night around 10 pm when I surrendered and gave up trusting my own righteousness and put my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal payment for my sin, sins, and me as a sinner. I really had no idea that that was what I was doing. But I remember that it was like a bolder fell off my shoulders, I slept like a baby, and woke up and something was very different inside me.

It is not a matter of what you have done! The trouble is **WHAT YOU ARE!**

Matthew 9:13, "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:32, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

You must repent of what you are a sinner before a Holy Lord God Almighty; You must turn from trusting YOU to trusting The Lord Jesus Christ! HE is God's righteousness; and you need to repent from trusting in your own self-righteousness and repent to trusting in God's Righteousness: the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are trying to repent from your sins; the alternative to that is to repent to your own righteousness! That keeps you lost! The trouble is what you are!

Once you have been born again you are a son of God and even though your flesh is still a sinner; you the soul is NOT a sinner anymore. Because your spirit is born of God; your soul is adopted and cut lose from your flesh no longer responsible for the sins of the flesh and eternal retribution. You ARE responsible to keep your flesh CLEAN because you will REEP in the flesh what you SOW in the flesh. Your spirit is born again and cannot sin. Your soul's salvation is dependent on the nature of your spirit and it cannot be unborn it has Eternal Life and will NEVER die. That is the seal on your soul; the spirit in you that was born of God is joined and given eternal life by the Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 6:17, "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." That spirit is your human spirit that was born of God. That is how it was born again. That cannot ever be undone because God is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"

1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

James 1:13, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Galatians 6:8, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Reaping Life everlasting is not the same as the gift of God is everlasting life. Jesus Christ IS everlasting life; but your life in that everlasting time has an inheritance that is dependent on your fellowship NOW as a son of God. You stand to have or have not. But eternal life is FREE! After that you sow and reap here, and you also reap there.

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