

2 Kinds of Repentance

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Acts 2:29-41

Repentance is **an action, not a feeling**. You may or may not “feel” sorrow but you can still repent. (Most often accompanied by sorrow, however, since things are working correctly in you if you are repentant!)

Definition: *metanoia* - to change the mind, turn around the mind. It is a decision of the will.

There is no requirement for emotion here, nor prohibition against emotion.

Is there repentance after repentance?

Understand the difference between **Gospel** repentance and **Sanctification** repentance

1. GOSPEL REPENTANCE: Initial repentance in response to the gospel, is not repentance for **specific** sin! It is a repentance from an **orientation**, a **lifestyle**. (**Isaiah 53:6; John 1:29**)

2. SANCTIFICATION REPENTANCE is the daily work of responding to the Spirit’s conviction as He points out the specific sins that manifest our sinful nature. (**Phil 2:12-13**).

(Sin singular vs. Sins plural)

Gospel Repentance brings an *attitude* change that opens the way for *behavioral* change.

Spend time explaining and showing gospel repentance from scripture:

Col 1:13 transferred from one to the other;

Eph 2:2-3 walked according to the prince of the air.

Emphasize the change of direction, from one master to the other.

Explain **sanctification** repentance clearly.

Just as Adam’s sin separated all of us from God so that we are born in sin and far from God, so sinS continue to separate us from God (**Isaiah 59:2**) that He will not hear us. (**1 Pet 3:7**).

1 John 1:5-9. Sinning as a sinner is evidence that we have **NO relationship** with God. But, sinning as a saint does not end the relationship gained by grace through faith; it breaks the **fellowship** of that relationship.

REPENT

Confess (*homolegeo*)

Give evidence of that cleansing by putting on Christ in that area of exposure.

Let us encourage one another to be grateful when God’s Spirit chastises us about our sins. We can joyfully repent and be restored.