

Repentance: A feeling of regret, a changing of the mind, or turning from sin to God.

1. Repentance Was the Earliest Gospel PREACHING

a) John the Baptist

Matt 3:2 REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

b) Jesus the Christ

Matt 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

c) The Early Apostles

Mark 6:12 So they went out and preached that people should REPENT.

d) Preacher of all times and everywhere

Luke 24:47 And that REPENTANCE and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

2. God Will Allow or Bring TROUBLE So to BRING Us to Repentance

Jer 18:11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, thus says the Lord: Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now everyone from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

3. Repentance in The PLAN of SALVATION

a) Three steps in salvation

1. REPENT. Acts 20:21 Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God.

2. BELIEVE. Acts 20:21 And faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. DO. Acts 26:20 Do works befitting repentance.

4. Repentance and the WAYWARD Christian

Jer 3:22 Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.

5. Repentance Brings JOY in Heaven

Luke 15:7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.