

Repentance & The Reformation



“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’, He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

Martin Luther



Repentance is to characterize
the Christian life.



Central Idea

The Christian life is
a life of repentance.



Key Application

Live a life of repentance.



True (Biblical) Repentance

True repentance is
a radical reorientation
of mind, heart, and life
away from sin and to Christ.



Repentance must characterize
our Christian lives.



Romans 6



Part of this renewal is the
continual practice of
riding sin from our lives.

Col 3:5-10



Repentance is about
purging sin from our lives and
becoming like Christ.



Part of God's very purpose for us
is to be holy and blameless
before Him.

Eph 1:4



The call to holiness is the call to
eradicate sin from our lives.

1 Pet 1:14-16



2 Cor 7:1,8-10



Worldly Grief vs. Godly Grief



Six Essential Ingredients of True Repentance



The Doctrine of Repentance

Thomas Watson



PURITAN PAPERBACKS



1

Recognition of the sin as sin



2

Sorrow for the sin



Godly sorrow despairs
first over the harm
brought to God and to others
more than
the harm brought to yourself.



True Repentance

God-Centered *not* Self-Centered



3

Confession of the sin



4

Guilt for the sin



Godly sorrow
not self-condemnation



Regret is grounded in
condemnation.

Repentance is grounded
in forgiveness.



5

Hatred for the sin



Turning from the sin



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