

Understanding the Need of Repentance
First Step in the Salvation that We Have Through Jesus Christ
The Foundation of Repentance
No Repentance, No Salvation

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The Christian life is built on six foundation blocks, and REPENTANCE is the first foundation block. Hebrews 6:1

The six foundations of Hebrews 6: 1-3 **must be laid in our lives, to establish our relationship with Christ.** Hebrews 6:1, 3. Refer to “Number 29” in the Numerical Index, or “Foundations” in the Subject Index, to read on all the six foundations.

The storms will come, and **only the house on the Rock will stand.** Matthew 7:24- 27. Every house needs strong foundations. **You cannot lay foundations in the storm. Lay the foundation of repentance now, while you can.** 1Corinthians 3:10, 11

The first thing Jesus preached was, **“Repent and believe the Gospel.”** Mark 1:15, **“Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.”** Matthew 4:17

Repentance is essential. Jesus said, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? **I tell you, no: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**” “Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? **I tell you, no: but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.**” Luke 13:1-5

John the Baptist came as the forerunner for Jesus, to prepare the way for Him. John 1:19 – 36, Matthew 3:1-12, Luke 3:1-17

Before Jesus could be revealed to Israel, John the Baptist had to come and preach the truth of repentance to them. John 1:31.

John the Baptist’s message was, **“REPENT for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** Matthew 3:2, Luke 3:2-14

Before the Nation of Israel could be ready to receive the salvation of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they had to REPENT before God for all their unrighteousness and sin. Matthew 3:1-10, Luke 3:2-14

John the Baptist baptized the people of Israel unto repentance in the River Jordan. Matthew 3:6

They confessed their sins, turned from all sin and unrighteousness, and brought forth fruits of righteousness and obedience to God. Matthew 3:7-10, Luke 3:3-14

John’s baptism was a baptism unto repentance. Acts 19:3, 4

To emphasise the importance of repentance, Jesus, (although He was without any sin), was also baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Matthew 3: 13-16

Repentance has three main aspects:

1. **It is decision of the will of a person,**
2. **To turn from all sin and unrighteousness and wrong doing,**
3. **And to totally surrender to the will of God in all things, at all times, and in all places.**

At age 11 years, my Sunday School teacher led me to ask Jesus to come into my heart and be my Saviour.

I did this, and a relationship with Jesus was established in my life. I read the Word, prayed, attended Church, taught in the Sunday School, joined the Crusader Christian Group in my Secondary School, and witnessed to others about Jesus Christ as God and Saviour. (Unfortunately my SS teacher did not lead me through the steps of repentance.)

In Secondary School I was a School leader, (“Prefect”), played in the top rugby team, and was into athletics and tennis.

I became involved in the social life of the School, and although I continued with my Christian commitments I became involved in ungodly activities.

One day, as I was in a Christian outreach meeting, Jesus stood in front of me and said to me, “If you continue on in the way you are going, your relationship with me will come to an end.” I was 19 years old by this time, and attending University.

I left the meeting, and for three days thought about what the Lord Jesus had said to me. Then I made a decision. I lay on the floor face down and cried out for forgiveness, turned from all sin and unrighteousness, and surrendered my whole life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to follow Him and do His will. I got up off the floor and went to all the people I was involved with in the round of social activity and said to them that I would no longer continue with what I had been doing. There were some upset people but my heart was right with God and with the Lord Jesus Christ. From that time my Christian life became stronger and stronger, and God worked steadily in my life to reveal His ways, and establish me in His plans and purposes.

Full Repentance is an essential foundation in the Christian life and must not be missed out. If you have not repented, do it now.