

I'll Change, I Promise"

Only True Repentance
Brings That Change



True Repentance

***Repentance* involves much more than saying you are sorry.**



Remorse vs Repentance

- ◆ Judas “felt remorse” and brought back the 30 pieces of silver
- ◆ He even confessed his crime (Matthew 27:3-4)
- ◆ He let it lead to self-hatred and shame and led to his suicide instead of leading him to God and life in Him.

Remorse

- ◆ Paul calls this the “sorrow of the world”
- ◆ “...the sorrow of the world leads to death” (2 Corinthians 7:10b)


Repentance

- ◆ But there is another sorrow that produces life...
- ◆ *"I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance...For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation. (2 Corinthians 7:9-10a)*

Repentance

Made sorrowful to the point of repentance!


True repentance means you not only confess your sin and sorrow but you ALSO choose to TURN from that sin and choose God's ways instead. It is active, up front—YOU MAKE A CHOICE.



Repentance


This “turning” thing is serious—don’t just be sorry—turn to God!

"I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud, and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." (Isaiah 44:22)

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Repentance

Just the presence of remorse, and emotions and tears may not be the full sign of true repentance—
purposeful, changed behavior in that repentance will show the difference.

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Six Signs to Recognize True Repentance

Repentant people are willing to confess all sin, not just the one that got them in trouble.

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Repentant people face the pain their sin has caused others.

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Repentant people ask forgiveness of the people they have hurt

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Repentant people are willing to be accountable to a small group of mature Christians


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Repentant people accept their limitations

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Repentant people are faithful to the daily tasks God has given them

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You Are Not Alone

The good news is that you don't have to do this alone...God and those in the Body of Christ are at your side.

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Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Romans 12:5 & 10

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.