

The Wonder of Forgiveness

# The Experience of Forgiveness

# God's answer to Sin

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**The Covenant  
Love of God  
in  
CHRIST**

Graciousness    Compassion  
Longsuffering  
Covenant mercy  
Truth

by no  
means  
clear  
the  
guilty

Condemnation

Without  
Hope

DEATH

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To win the battle against Sin,  
we must surrender ourselves  
to God.



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Forgiveness  
is a learning experience

## Teach in the way...

### Psalm 25

- v.8 sinners
- v.9 the meek
- v.12 those that fear Yahweh

All synonymous terms

# Repentance

Acts 26:20

“But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.”

1. repent
2. turn to God
3. do the works meet for repentance



# Repentance is a gift

To Israel:

Acts 5:1

“Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to **give repentance** to Israel, and forgiveness of sins...”

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To the Gentiles:

Acts 11:18

“...Then hath God also to the Gentiles **granted repentance** unto life...”



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To the wayward:

2 Timothy 2:24–26

“...In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will **give them repentance** to the acknowledging of the truth.”

# Repentance – NT

metanoeo (and metanoia)

μετανοεω

“To perceive afterwards in the mind; to change the mind or purpose.”

# Repentance – NT

metamellomai

μεταμελλομαι

“To regret, to repent oneself.”



# Repentance – OT

nacham

נחם

“Be sorry, repent, regret, be comforted, comfort.”

# Repentance – OT

shub

שוב

“To turn, return.”

TWOT

“The Bible is rich in idioms describing man’s responsibility in the process of repentance...All these expressions of man’s penitential activity, however, are subsumed and summarised by this one verb shub. For better than any other verb it combines in itself the two requisites of repentance: to turn from evil and to turn to the good...”

# Repentance

1. Turn from evil
2. Turn to good (God)



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A relationship begins in  
repentance

# Repentance – NT

epistrepho

ἐπιστρέφω

“To turn, revert, turn again.”

**Acts 3:19** “Repent (metanoeō) and be converted (epistrepho)”

**Acts 26:20** “Repent (metanoeō) and turn (epistrepho) to God”

# Repentance

1. Turn away from one's own ways, and
2. Turning fully unto Yahweh

c.p. Isa.55:7



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# Repentance – OT

yudah (verb) and todah (noun)

יָדָה and תּוֹדָה

“To confess, praise, give thanks.”

TWOT

“The primary meaning of this root is to acknowledge or confess sin, God's character and works, or man's character.”



# Repentance – NT

homologeō

ομολογεω

“Lit., to speak the same thing, to assent, accord, agree with.”

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## The converted

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