

# BibleTalk Radio



www.cftpm.info

Christ for the Philippines Mission

## Repentance

Bible Study by Tony Tirse

Missionary & Pastor

June 27, 2017

Our topic for tonight's radio show is repentance. What is repentance? You know, it is very important to understand this Bible word "repentance." Have you ever heard, dear listener, when someone says you have to repent, you must repent... repentance? What exactly does that word mean?

I'm not talking about what does it mean to you or to me. I'm not talking about what some religion teaches about repentance, but it's very important to understand what God means when He uses the word "repent" or "repentance" in the Bible. It's very, very important because it has to do with eternal salvation, so we want to know what the Bible says about repentance. What does the Bible say about repentance, or what is repentance?

So we need to get into tonight's show. It's going to be a bit of a word study on the word "repentance," and I'd like to take you on a journey through both the Old Testament and the New Testament. If you would, dear listener, please turn with me to the book of Genesis Chapter 6. The reason we're going into the book of Genesis is that we're going to look at the first appearance of the word "repent" in the Bible. Of course, the word "repent" comes in its various forms of "repent," "repentance," "repented," so the first time that the word occurs in any of its

variations in the Bible is Genesis 6:6. So please turn in your Bibles to Genesis 6:6. Genesis is the first book of the Bible. Here's what it says: *And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

What it's talking about, just to give you an idea what's going on here with this verse, and you can read the entire chapter so that you can read it in context. This is just before the flood of Noah and man was very, very wicked upon the Earth. The Bible says that his thoughts were only evil continually. So it was a very bad time during history when all kinds of unimaginable evils were being thought and done by mankind.

So God had had enough and He was going to destroy the Earth and the only people He was going to save were Noah and his family, eight people. Out of however many millions of people or hundreds of millions of people, who knows, were on the face of the Earth at that time. God only saved eight people, Noah and his wife and their three sons and their wives. So, four couples, eight people, plus the animals that God had commanded to be taken on the ark.

But the verse that we're going to zoom in on tonight is a very interesting verse. It's verse 6,



and it says: *And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

The first thing we're going to find interesting is that, with regard to the word "repentance," it's not even directed at man. In this case, the first time that we see something with regard to repentance, it actually applies to the Lord God Himself.

We need to get into this word, "repent" or "repented." What did it mean? By the way, let me go ahead and preface it with this. This is talking about true repentance, true repentance. The reason it's very important to know what true repentance is is because true repentance will always be followed by an action. You'll see that. Here, it says that the Lord had repented that He had made man. It did follow through with an action. Since He repented, He followed through with the action of destroying the entire planet and everybody and everything on it except for Noah and his family.

What does the word "repentance" mean? In this particular case, we look back in the Old Testament. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew. Hebrew is the language of the Jews and this is what the Old Testament is written in, almost the entirety of it, and the word that is translated into the English word "repented" here is the word *nacham*. It is a Hebrew word that means literally to be sorry and sometimes in a positive way, like, to pity or to console, sometimes in a negative way, like, to avenge and to turn around. So, in this particular case, we see that God Himself was the one that repented. He was very sorry that He had created the man on the Earth.

Now, that might sound a little strange to us. Is God ever sorry for anything? Well, yes, He is. God is a spirit and God is a personality and He has what makes up His personality is a mind, a will, and emotion. Many times in the Bible we see that God is angry or God is rejoicing or, in this case, God is sorrowful or repentant. We see that God is saddened, and later on in this very verse, it says that He is grieved.

God has emotions, and it's not like what we think of as emotions, because our emotions as humans are wild. I mean we go from one end to the other, sometimes one minute we can be so happy and laughing, and the next minute we're full of anger or we're crying, and God is not emotionally unstable. Emotions, though, were created by God. He has them, and emotions have a place. Emotions are not bad. It's uncontrolled emotions that are bad.

But here, we see the word "repented." It repented the Lord, so the Lord was sorry. He was grieved. He was very sorry that he had created man on the Earth. He already knew what was going to happen, but that didn't stop God from being sorry about what happened.

This is interesting because, remember, at the beginning we said that this means true repentance. There's a difference between being sorry for something and truly being sorry for something. What I mean by that is, a lot of times most people will do something wrong or they do something that annoys someone else or all kinds of things. There are criminals that commit crimes over and over, and they say they're sorry, and they say they're sorry, and they say they're sorry, especially when they get caught. But are they really sorry? The answer usually is, no, they're not really sorry.



The reason for that is because it's not followed by an action, an action of turning around from it, an action doing something about it. So true sorrow or true repentance is always followed by an action.

Now, here in Genesis 6:6, it's not just that God was sorry. God followed through. In verse 7, He says, "I'll destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth," and later on, we find out that He did. So the repentance that we're talking about is true repentance, true sorrow. We've also known it as Biblical repentance or godly sorrow. More on that a little bit later.

We've just looked at the first time that the word "repent" and its variation, here "repented," occurs in the Bible, and it applies to the Lord. However, it also, of course, will apply to man, and it generally applies to man although the word "repent" has also applied to the Lord in various places in the Bible.

It's interesting though. I find it very interesting that the first time the word "repent" appears it applies to God. God is always the first one to take an action. It's not us who have tried to go to God. It has been God who came down to us. If you were to go to Genesis Chapter 3, just three chapters before this, you will read about the first sin that man ever committed and you will see that God went down and did something for them to be saved.

And with us, we are sinners. We're sinners by nature and we're sinners by choice, and sometimes we get confused about religion and we think religion is going to take us to God. We think that religion is somehow equal to God. We come to find out that it was God that did something for us, and that is he sent the

Lord Jesus Christ to die for our sins. It's very interesting here, the first time the word "repentance" ever appears in the Bible it's actually referring to God and not man.

But now, let's take a look at a time where it does refer to a man. So we can go to a book in the Old Testament that, although it does not occur in the first few books of the Old Testament, it is dated to have been one of the earliest written books in the Old Testament in all of the Bible canon, and, of course, I'm referring to the book of Job.

Let's turn there, to the book of Job, Chapter 42 and verse 6. Now we're going to see an example of godly sorrow or true repentance. Now, in the book of Job, Chapter 42, there's a whole story about what happened to Job. You would have to read the whole book of Job to find out what's going on here. But to summarize it for you, Job was a very well off man who was very faithful to God. He had great possessions and a great family. Satan didn't like that. Satan challenged God that the only reason Job loved God was because Job was so blessed. So God allowed Satan to test Job. Satan killed his family, killed his flocks, destroyed his home, and even made Job very, very sick. So Job never blasphemed God, but he did get to a point where he was just complaining.

At the end, God finally appears before Job and teaches him a good lesson about who God is. Once the presence of God shows up, here is the statement of Job in Job 42:5-6. Once Job heard the Lord, he said this in verse 5: *I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.* <sup>6</sup>*Wherefore [or because of this] I abhor myself, [I hate myself,] and repent in dust and ashes.* The word "repent" there in Job



42:6 is the same word as God used in repenting, *nacham*. Job was very sorry because, when he saw himself compared to the holiness and the righteousness of God. He had no choice. He naturally abhorred, hated himself. He hated what he was and what he had become next to the very pure holiness of God.

Let me tell you something, dear listener. This world is a bad place. It's full of arrogant people. What's popular right now is people going around with these bumper stickers on their cars and their motorcycles that says, "No fear. No fear." People have no fear. Let me tell you something. They have no fear of God because they have no idea what it is to be close to God.

But any child of God, any Christian, any saved, born-again Christian who has ever gotten even remotely close to God... I've been there myself, dear listener... you have no choice. You begin to hate yourself. You begin to abhor yourself because the closer you get to God and His holiness the more of a wretched creature you realize you are. So I understand Job's words here.

The word "repent" he uses is the Hebrew word *nacham*. It's very pitiful, very sorry, and maybe Job before thought that he might be something but he changes his mind and he realizes that he is nothing, and he says, "I put myself into dust and ashes." The Hebrews, when they were very sorry about something, they literally got dust, the dirt from the ground, and they got ashes from their burnt wood and they would throw it on themselves just as an outward symbol how under the earth they felt about themselves.

So, here, Job talks about a kind of a sorrow, a kind of repentance where he turns around from it. He realizes that he himself is nothing compared to the holiness of God, and so, dear listener, we have to realize that there is not just a kind of sorrow. There's a difference between having a sorrow because you got caught or having a sorrow because you realize that you did wrong and that there are going to be consequences or maybe your feelings are hurt. There's a difference between the kind of sorrow that's going to bring about an action, like turning from what you are and what you have done that has caused that and saying, "I want to turn away from this."

These have been a couple of examples from the Old Testament, so let's bring it forward to the New Testament. It's very, very interesting what the New Testament says about the word "repentance" and how it's translated.

Now, I want to bring you to the New Testament because we've already laid a foundation for the word "repentance." You've heard people say, you may have even heard preachers say, "You must repent. You must repent," and most people think that to repent means to be sorry. We're beginning to see a pattern here in the Bible that true repentance is not just being sorry.

A lot of people are sitting in jail today that are sorry for what they've done, but if they get released tomorrow, they'll be back to their crimes in a few days. They're only sorry because they got caught, but they don't have true sorrow that brings about an action, true repentance. That's where we get into the New Testament.

Please join me in your Bibles in the book of II Corinthians, Chapter 7 and verse 10. Second



Corinthians 7:10 says this: *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*

About the most excellent example that we can get from the Bible... let's break this down. First of all, let me show you the differences between the words. It says, *For godly sorrow worketh repentance.* So you would think, if repentance is just sorrow or being sorry, the two words would be the same thing, but they're not.

In this particular verse, the word translated into the English word "sorrow," the underlying text of the New Testament is Greek and the word is *lypē*. It means sadness or grief or grievous or heaviness or sorrow. That's what the word "sorrow" is and that's why it's translated.

By the way, later on in the verse, because it says, *For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death,* the two words "sorrow" there are exactly the same word, *lypē*, which means sad, heaviness, sorrow, grievous, but the word "repentance"... *For godly sorrow worketh repentance...* that's a different word, a completely different word, and the word there is *metanoia*. It's actually a compound word. It's a compound word made up of two words, *meta* and *noia*. The word *metanoia* together, the definition is this: a reversal, a change.

Here's what the compound word in the Greek actually means. Now, not only am I a Bible student that delves into the underlying languages, but I also happen to have had a career in the medical field, and I was certified in medical terminology. The certification is medical terminology comes in two major

languages, Greek and Latin. So I'm relatively... I wouldn't say very, but I'm quite familiar with Greek even before I ever studied the Bible because of my medical career so I'm familiar with both of these words that make up the work *metanoia*. It's a compound word from two different words.

The first word is *meta*. The word *meta* means change. Have you ever heard of the word "metamorphosis"? The Greek *morph* means shape. *Meta morph* means change shape, so that's where we get the word "metamorphosis" from, and, of course, the word "metamorphosis" is generally a medical word which means a cell is changing or whenever there is some kind of change biologically. When the caterpillar turns into a butterfly, that's called a metamorphosis. It is a change of form or change of shape. So *meta* means change.

The second part of *metanoia* is *noia*. *Noia* means mind, like, paranoia is a person who thinks that somebody is always after them. *Metanoia* together change and mind means a change of mind, a turn of direction, a decision.

So in the New Testament, we get a little bit more of an example, and it says godly sorrow worketh a change of mind. Remember before, we said true sorrow will cause a change of action. This is exactly what the scripture is telling us in II Corinthians 7:10. Godly sorrow is true sorrow, not just, "I'm sorry because I got caught. I have sorrow because I'm suffering consequences." No, it's godly sorrow meaning you realize that you've done wrong and you don't want to do that wrong anymore. So it says it worketh... the word "worketh" is an action word... repentance, or change of mind.



And it says here change of mind or repentance to salvation. That's very interesting because, in order to be saved, you have to repent, which we're going to see here in the New Testament again and again in just a couple of moments.

It's very interesting. It says godly sorrow or true sorrow worketh repentance, true repentance, a change of mind. And then it says to salvation. Remember, salvation is only through Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Salvation is changing your mind about the gospel.

Many, many people go to a religion and never hear the true gospel. They have no idea what the gospel is, but the gospel is defined for us in I Corinthians Chapter 15, particularly verses 3 and 4. It says here's the gospel, that Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures, that Jesus Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of the living God, the Messiah, He came and He died for our sins because there's nothing that we can do to cover our sins, and He was buried and our sins were buried with Him, but He rose again on the third day, sinless and perfect, showing us that He has power of death, as well as life. And it says that it was all according to the scriptures, because He is the One that has always been prophesied of.

Most people today are in religions and they're trying to follow the rules of their religion. They're trying to be complete with their sacraments. They're trying to do good works so that they can possibly, maybe, hopefully one day go to Heaven. That is not repentance, because they go to a religion, they put some money in a plate or in a bag, they do some good works, and they think that good works will outweigh their

sins when they get before God. So they're not sorrowful for their sins. They're just trying to balance it out, and that is a blasphemy to the Lord Jesus Christ. That is not godly sorrow. That is not biblical repentance.

But the Bible says here in II Corinthians 7:10 that godly sorry, which is true repentance, worketh a change of mind, repentance about being a sinner, a change of mind about Jesus Christ just being some religious figure but about Him being the only Saviour. It worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of. In other words, when God saves you, He will not change His mind about saving you, but the sorrow of the world, the religions trying to balance out sins, trying to pay off God for sins, that kind of sorrow, the sorrow of the world worketh death and hell. That's the difference between true repentance and worldly sorrow.

Now we have a very good basis for going through the rest of the verses in tonight's Bible study because now we have a biblical definition of the word "repentance." It is a change of mind, which, of course, includes a change of heart, about your sin and about the fact that you are a sinner and is a change of mind about Jesus Christ, not just that He's a religious figure, not just that He's somebody that you can try to reach. No, no, no, to understand that the gospel declares that He has already reached down to you by dying on the cross.

How dare anybody try to do any kind of good works to try to reach Heaven when Jesus Christ did all the work for salvation on the cross. All we need to do is turn from our unbelief, doing any kind of works to try to get to Heaven is unbelief. We turn from our unbelief to belief and trust on Jesus Christ



only for our salvation. It's very well-defined for you now in the Bible. You need only to look at verse 10 of II Corinthians Chapter 7.

Now, let's take a look at another place in the Bible where the word "repent" is used. Now that we have a definition of "repent," which means to change your mind, let's go to the book of Acts, so back up a few books to the book of Acts, Chapter 2, verse 38. The book of Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament.

*Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them... Peter was preaching a sermon here to a whole group of people, a lot, thousands of people, and this is what he said... Repent... Change your mind about sin and about who Jesus Christ is... Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins... because of that remission of sins... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Every born-again believer receives the Holy Ghost at the moment of salvation.*

Let's break down Peter's message here. The first thing that he says is, "Repent. Be saved." You can only be saved by placing your faith on Jesus Christ only. Repent. Turn from the fact that you are a sinner to being so sorrowful and regretful that you have committed sins against a Holy God, that you have no choice but to turn to that Holy God for your own salvation. Repent. Be saved.

And then when you're saved, after you're saved, after you have repented and you turn to Jesus Christ only, he says, "Be baptized." Every one of you without exception be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ because of that remission, because of that payment of sins. Identify with Jesus Christ by being baptized by immersion which pictures the

death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the picture of the gospel that we find in I Corinthians 15:3-4.

He says, if you repent, you'll receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. So here we see the word "repent" again, and if you go down a few verses to verse 41, it says, *Then they... when they heard this Word of God, when they understood the message of the gospel, they had received his word and, of course, they followed through in obedience and they were baptized... and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

Isn't that interesting that they repented, they changed. They heard the message and they changed their minds. Dear listener, how many times people hear this message and they do not change their mind. They're afraid. They don't repent because they are afraid of leaving their religion. They're afraid of what their family might think of them. They're afraid of the pleasures in life that they might have to give up if God calls them to repentance. So they refuse to repent and they continue to try to amend for their sins by trying to pay off God with good works and so forth.

Dear listener, it doesn't work. God does not accept any other payment for sin than which has already been paid and that is Christ Jesus. You must repent. You must turn from your sins and from the fact that you're a sinner, from unbelief in Jesus Christ, and by the way, if you're trying to get to God through religion, that is unbelief in Jesus Christ. You have to turn from that. You have to repent and you have to turn to Jesus Christ and receive Him as your personal Saviour.



Let's go to another place in the book of Acts, actually the next chapter. Please turn to Chapter 3 of the same book of Acts that we've been in. We were just looking at Chapter 2, particularly verse 38. We're going to go to the next chapter, to Acts 3:19. Here's what he says now again. He says: *Repent ye therefore...* The word "ye" means you all, all of you... *Repent ye therefore, and be converted...* The only way to be converted is not by a 12-step program; it's not by turning over a new leaf in your life; it's not by quitting drinking or quitting some sin. The only way to be converted is to be saved, to repent. It says repent, be saved, be born again... *that your sins may be blotted out...* The only way for sins to be blotted out is through Jesus Christ. He says... *when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.*

You see, the only salvation that comes to us comes from the Lord. It is not achieved or achievable by us or any other man. So again, you see here what God is telling us to do. He's not telling us to be religious; He's not telling us to go to church; He's not telling us to make amends. He's telling us to turn from all those things and turn to His precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ who's already paid it all in full for us.

I want to show you another place, again from the same book. The book of Acts has a lot of good information regarding repentance, and it shows us how it all started, how Christianity all started with people repenting from their old religion and turning to Jesus Christ.

Now, turn with me again then in the book of Acts, Chapter 17, and I'm going to read to you verse 30, because all of these things that we're trying to do to get to God about trying to worship and religion and trying to pay with

money and trying to pay with good works, it's all ignorance until you find out what the Word of God says, until you find out this very message that you're hearing right now on this radio station on 98.3 Tacloban City FM. You're not hearing the opinion of Pastor Tirse. You're not hearing the commandment of any religion. You are hearing what the very Word of God says. According to what we're about to read in Acts 17:30, you will no longer be ignorant, so watch out because, with that, comes a price. Watch.

*And the times of this ignorance* [the not knowing of it] *God winked at...* God made a face. God was trying to be patient with us... *but now* [now that you know the truth, He] *commandeth all men every where to repent.* Then he starts talking about judgment. Repent. God says, "There came a time where you were ignorant of these commands. Ignorance is no excuse, but you were ignorant. But now that you've heard the message, now that you know I don't want you following graven images." Just take a look at verse 29.

Now that you know who this God really is, take a look at verse 23. Now that you've heard the message, now you are commanded to change your mind about your old ways and turn to God. He's commanding you to repent. Very interesting that God not only expects repentance for salvation. God actually commands it and the only way to have salvation is through Jesus Christ. That's what Chapter 17, verse 30, was all about. He's commanding all men everywhere to repent, to change their mind about who Jesus Christ is. He is the only one that can save your soul.

Now, let's continue in the book of Acts. We were just looking at Chapter 17, verse 30. Let's take a look at Chapter 26 and verse 20. This is





the apostle Paul and he's presenting the message. He's presenting the gospel to a king, a king named Agrippa, of all people. So he says this, *But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles...* That's us... *that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.*

In other words, God continues to command us to repent, change our mind not just about the fact that we're sinners, not just change your mind and say, "I'm not going to follow religion anymore," but to turn to God. That's what it says there. And then do the works meet for repentance. In other words, do something about it. We don't do anything in order to get to Heaven, in order to be saved, but once we are saved, our life will show works.

Dear listener, you're listening to me right now. I'm a pastor. You know who I am if you've been listening to this show for any long period of time. You know that I'm a pastor, Jose Antonio Tirse. Do you think that I was born a pastor? Do you think that I'm so spiritual and good and so special that God simply called me to be a pastor because I'm so good? No, dear listener, that's not what's going on here. I am a sinner saved by God's grace. I had no ability, nor do I still have any ability, to save myself, to let my good works outshine my evil works, my sins.

You're listening to a pastor today, not because I'm trying to get to Heaven. The good work that I'm doing right now by teaching you the Word of God is a work meet for repentance. In other words, a work that is evidence of my repentance, of my salvation. I'm only sitting here reading the Bible on a 1,000-watt transmitter to a city of almost 300,000 people

and parts beyond, not because I'm so good but because I have received the gift of salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ. And so the works that I'm doing now is not because I'm trying to be good. It's not because I'm trying to get to Heaven, but it's only the outward evidence. It is something that is coming from inside of me that is only possible because I have the Holy Spirit inside of me, because I have Jesus Christ. And so the works that I'm doing now are works meet for or evidence of repentance.

Am I perfect? Dear listener, I'm going to tell you on this radio station, and there might even be a million people listening, and I'm going to admit to you something right now. Am I perfect? No, I stumble, I fall, I fail, I still sin, but all of my sins, past, present, and future, according to the authority of the Word of God, are blotted out. They're gone, taken away by Jesus Christ who shed His blood on the cross for me.

He's done the same for you. He's only commanding you to change your mind, to repent from those religions and from relying on yourself to try to do something to get to Heaven. He's commanding you to repent, change your mind from that, and to turn to Him and Him only for your salvation. That's repentance.

Now, again, with regard to me doing the works meet for or evidence of salvation, it's a gift of God. Let me show you something really interesting. Please turn with me to the book of Ephesians, Chapter 2. Ephesians is in the New Testament, as well, and these verses that I'm going to read to you, I'm going to read three verses, two of which are often used by people who are giving this message to try to prove to you that it's not anything that you can do to be saved. It is by grace. It is a free gift of God.



The third verse is often looked over and nobody almost ever touches it. In Ephesians 2:8-10, listen to this: <sup>8</sup>*For by grace are [you all] saved through faith.* The only way that you can turn, the only way you can repent is if you place your faith on Jesus Christ. Placing your faith on Jesus Christ as your Saviour is repentance. It's turning, and having turned or repented can only be possible by placing your faith. So faith and repentance are interchangeable. They're inseparable. They work hand in hand. They're two sides of the same coin.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith...*  
And look at this... *and that not of yourselves...*  
There's nothing you can do about it. You cannot do anything about your sin, and if you die in your sin condition, you go to Hell. It's not of yourselves... *it is the gift of God...* a gift. It is free. You can't do anything for a gift. If you try to earn a gift, it is no longer a gift. Listen to this. It's a gift of God.

*Verse 9: Not of works...* I mean, how much more clear does it get than that? Not of works. I'm amazed at how many people I explain the gospel to and how many times I try to explain that Jesus Christ did all the work, there's nothing that we can do. I am amazed at how many people still try to earn Heaven by works. How much more clear does it get than this verse 9? *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Because there are people out there that if they could earn it they would go to Heaven and they would walk around very proud with their head held up high with their chin and their nose pointing up. "I am in Heaven because I was so good because I gave to the poor, because I went to church every Sunday, because I this, I that." No, God says no, no, no,

no. Nobody is going to be able to brag or boast, because it's not of works. It's by the grace of God only that we're saved.

Now, look here in verse 10. This is a verse that's very often ignored by Bible teachers that are teaching through this. It's very important. Verse 10: <sup>10</sup>*For we [who are saved]... Okay? Because verse 8 starts with "For by grace are ye saved." For we [who are saved] are his workmanship...* He did all the work; see? It's the same theme throughout the whole Bible. He did all the work for our salvation. *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.*

Salvation is not created in a religion or in a church building or through a man or through works or through sacraments. Salvation is a creation as a gift of God that is only possible, not through saints, not through Mary, not through anything else, not through money, but only in Christ Jesus.

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto [or for the purpose of] good works...* We are saved for the purpose of good works, not as a result of good works. You cannot do good works for the purpose of being saved. No, we are saved for the purpose of good works. Religion gets this backwards. They say, if you do good works, you might be saved. The Bible says first you need to be saved and then you'll be able to do the good works properly. Look... *which God hath before ordained...* God appointed good works... *that we...* those of us who are saved... *should walk in them.*

There is no good works we can do to earn salvation. This is why you would need to repent. Godly sorrow worketh repentance. True repentance, true change of mind is one



where we give up and realize it's nothing we can do and we need Jesus Christ for our salvation. It's turning from unbelief to belief. It's realizing that our sin has condemned us and there's nothing that we can do. True repentance will lead us to salvation only in and through Jesus Christ.

Dear listener, my question to you as always, are you saved? Are you 100% sure that if you were to die tonight that you would go to Heaven? Or are you only 50% sure or 40% sure or 80% sure? Listen, salvation is 100%, not because of you, not because of me, not because of good works but because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross. Religion teaches you, you have to do this, you have to do that, you have to try, try, try, pay, pay, pay, do, do, do. God says, "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden, all you that have a burden, that kind of burden." He said, "I will give you rest."

I have rest in my soul that I don't have to do any good works to go to Heaven. Even when I fail, even when I sin, even when I've disappointed God, I have rest in my soul because I am going to Heaven because of what my Saviour has done for me. Dear listener, that is repentance.

0999-862-7223 is the number here where you can reach us. You can also reach us after hours. I do hope you've been blessed, dear listener, and I want you to think about what you've heard. If you're not 100% sure that, if you were to die tonight, you'd go to Heaven, here's what you need to do. Talk to God about it.

Right where you are right now, stop, go to the CR, go to the bedroom, go somewhere by yourself and go and talk to God and say, "God, now I understand and I change my mind. I repent of my religion and of myself. I know there's nothing I can do to get to Heaven. I believe what Jesus Christ has done for me, and I accept that and I will follow You." Then you'll be able to do those works that are meet or evidence of repentance. The first one is getting baptized. We already saw that in all the scriptures.