

Repent – What is Required

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This is a major topic that a person needs to get right. One needs to use scripture in order to properly describe repentance. This is done by collecting scripture that describes or applies to the same theme. Those gathered scriptures then interpret the Bible for you. They must all reinforce the same thing. This study uses only a few select main scriptures that address the topic, you can find many more.

Starting with the following scripture Yeshua (Jesus) tells us to repent.

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Repent is Strong's number G3340 and in Greek is *Metanoeo* which means to think differently, to reconsider, to morally feel compunction. In the Old Testament it is Strong's number H7725 and in Hebrew is *Shub* which means to turn back, to return to the LORD, to obey and walk in His Laws. Eze 18:29-32 given below fills out the meaning of repent very clearly.

Eze 18:29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Eze 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. **Repent**, and turn *yourselves* from all your **transgressions**; so **iniquity** shall not be your ruin.

Eze 18:31 **Cast away from you all your transgressions**, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: **for why will ye die**, O house of Israel?

Eze 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore **turn yourselves, and live ye.**

The word transgressions is H6588 and means revolt moral rebellion, or to sin. The word iniquity is H5771 and is evil perversion, or to walk in sin. The LORD tells us that walking in sin results in ones death rather than salvation. The LORD does not have any pleasure in the death of those that walk in sin. Eze 18:30 tells us repent is an active manner of how we return to walking according to God's will, to walking in His Law. It is very specific required action on our part.

Repent is to turn from your transgressions so that you no longer walk in iniquity such that it will be your ruin. Iniquity is also defined as walking in lawlessness. Walking outside of the Law of God. Walking outside the Torah. It is walking in sin.

Yeshua tells us one reason that he came down to earth was to call sinners to repentance.

Luk 5:32 I came not **to call** the righteous, but **sinners to repentance.**

Yeshua tells us that unless each of us repent from our sins we shall perish. Perish is referring to our future resurrected life.

Luk 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luk 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

We are also told the joy that occurs in heaven for every sinner that repents, this should alert you to the importance of proper repentance.

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise **joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth**, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

The woman caught in adultery and brought before Yeshua is told by Yeshua to go and sin no more.

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

Joh 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**

The importance of not sinning or walking in sin, is that when you do this, you become a servant of sin.

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

The wage of sin is future death or the second death.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death;** but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To be made free of sin is to become a servant of God, a servant obeys his Master. By obeying the commands of God, one grows into holiness, into righteousness.

Walking forward and not sinning is so important that Yeshua makes a point that it is better to cut off your hand if it causes you to sin, for if you die sinning, you will be resurrected, judged and thrown into the lake of fire, retained there alive forever – where your worm dieth not.

Mar 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: **it is better for thee to enter into life maimed**, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mar 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Further Yeshua tells us that the action of repenting is to become a new person, to leave the old person behind and go forth in the new person. In other words to leave the old habits of walking in sin behind you and go forward from that moment of repentance walking in the way of the LORD and no longer sinning. The following given to us by Yeshua is done using a parable through the use of a metaphor.

Luk 5:36 And he spake also a parable unto them; **No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new agreeth not with the old.**

Luk 5:37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

It is old man verses new man or old bottle verses new bottle. The old wine or old man is walking in sin, the new wine or new man is walking in righteousness and no longer sinning . Yeshua goes even further saying man initially prefers his old sinful ways in preference to repenting and walking forward in righteousness and not sinning.

Luk 5:39 **No man also having drunk old *wine* straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.**

It takes time to break old habits and form new ones, or to become a new righteous person walking forward according to God's way, in obedience and not sinning.

In addition Yeshua tells us that those that do the Will of the Father are His Brothers and Sisters.

Mat 12:50 **For *whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven*, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

Doing the Will of God is the same as hearing His word and walking in obedience to His way.

Luk 11:28 But he said, ***Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.***

Next we come to expressing love to the LORD, we are to do this with all our whole being.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, ***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

So how do we express our love to God ? Scripture defines this for us as follows.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when **we love God**, and **keep his commandments**.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

Yes we are to keep the commandments of God as that is how we express our love to the Father. The commandments are the Torah, much more comprehensive than just the 10 commandments. They are everything in the first five books of the Bible. This carries on further to what Yeshua tells us.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

To fully understand the above you must know what was kept secret through the Old Testament (1Co 10:1-4). Yeshua was active throughout the entire Old Testament as the *Word*, the Rock, the Cloud, the Pillar of fire, the I AM, He was the mediator for the Father who dwelt with man. Yeshua gave **All** the commandments to Moses, which are the Law or Torah. So when Yeshua says "*Keep my commandments*" it refers to the Torah, which includes all the commandments.

This also tells us that there is no partition between the Old and New Testament, it is all one Bible. This will be reinforced again later.

Understand that everything that Yeshua said is the same as coming to us directly from the Father.

Joh 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Joh 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

We are to speak to God through prayer when we repent, these are the sins we walked in and committed in the past. This confession is made with the mouth and our heart accepts that our new way forward must be one of walking in righteousness and no longer sinning.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Baptism is an action that Yeshua directed us to undertake, it is a symbolic action of becoming a new person. It is a symbolic action of being born again by now walking forward in the way of God and not in the way of sin.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Look at the following scriptures in the Old Testament, we are told that the LORD wipes away man's sin when he repents and returns to Him walking according to God's way. These scriptures are of utmost importance.

Eze 3:19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Eze 3:20 Again, When a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Eze 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Eze 18:22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

Eze 18:23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

Eze 18:24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

Eze 18:25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

Eze 18:26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his ***iniquity*** that he hath done shall he die.

Eze 18:27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Eze 18:28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Walking in the LORD's way is walking in righteousness and not sinning. All through the Old Testament the LORD was ready to wipe man's sins away as long as man returned to the LORD and walked in the Torah. Note the word "*iniquity*" above, is walking forward outside the Law or outside the Torah. The manner in which you are walking at the time you die is that which determines your fate. Note from the scriptures above, being saved is a conditional promise. It is not once saved always saved. You must walk forward in righteousness right up to the moment you die to receive salvation.

There are many scriptures that tell us to follow Yeshua, to **hear and obey** what He told us and showed us. When you follow someone you emulate what they do, how they walked, how they thought, you follow what they said. It is not a pick and chose what you like and ignore what you do not like. Only one typical scripture out of many is given here as follows, which tells us to follow Yeshua.

Luk 9:23 And he said to *them* all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

The Gentile congregations that Paul set up were learning and walking in the Law or Torah, they were zealous for the Torah. They learned from study of the Old Testament as only it existed at that time.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the **Gentiles** by his ministry.

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all **zealous of the law**:

The way these early congregations walked is very different from the six mainstream groups of Christian Churches today. None of these current Churches keep the Torah. They all say it was done away with, IT WAS NOT! Follow only scripture.

Today all that hear and obey Yeshua are under grace or a gift of salvation from God. But that does not do away with the requirement of keeping the Torah. The way man walks cannot earn salvation, however the way man walks is judged by God as to whether He will extend grace of salvation to a person. Everyone has a commitment to Yeshua as to how they walk, walking in repentance and not sinning, it is only then that grace of salvation is extended to each person. Note the following 2 scriptures on how you are judged.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and **the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged** every man **according to their works**.

Judgment is made according to how one walked.

Consider now the consequence of sin.

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of **sin unto death**, or of **obedience unto righteousness**?

The understanding comes from walking forward and not sinning. Sin is defined for us in the following verse.

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: **for sin is the transgression of the law**.

So sin is walking forward outside the Law or the Torah. Then it means you walk forward in iniquity, or you are walking forward in sin.

Repent means you return walking in the way of the LORD, which is walking in the Law or Torah. Repent is an active way of walking throughout the rest of your life up to the time you die. It is not a one time action or a one time remorseful thought. Repentance means you change how you walk, by no longer sinning, you become a new person leaving the old sinful person behind. Sin is defined for us as not walking forward in obedience to the Law or the Torah. Recognize repentance is not a one time event, rather it is a continuous action and way of living.

There is one further scripture of utmost importance. It is given to us directly by Yeshua. We are to **hear and obey** Yeshua (Act 3:22-23 and Deu 18:15-19).

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

The above verse is clear, it tells us that the Law or Torah remains in effect up until a future time where all prophecy is fulfilled and until the current heaven and earth pass away. Yes the Torah was in place through the Old Testament, at the time Yeshua came down to earth, at the present time and will also be in effect in the future during the Millennium. It is in place until the second resurrection with judgment day followed by burning up of the present heavens and earth.

Why are the Church pastors not telling you this ? It is because of the method by which they are trained. They go to a Bible College and are taught by others that follow a specific Church doctrine. That doctrine was established by a committee of men and it has numerous errors in it. These errors once taught and learned are then perpetuated by the pastors to their congregations. Once the errors are learned it is next to impossible to let go of them and to really understand what the Bible is saying. The pastors are full of erroneous preconceived ideas that they learned while being taught, ones that are not based upon scripture. We are to only follow what scripture tells us, not what **any person or pastor** tells us. We ourselves are responsible for what we accept and how we walk, one cannot place blame on anyone else. New Testament scripture tells us over 17 times not to be deceived. In addition the Churches follow the traditions of man in opposition to following the commandments of God. Beware deception is rampant.

The only way to truly learn what God's word is saying is to let go of all preconceived ideas, open your mind, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open the word to you and guide you. Then you must accept, obey and embrace what is opened. If you do not, nothing will ever be opened to you again. Most all Pastors and Christians say they are led by the Holy Spirit, but they do not obey the way of the LORD. They do not keep the Torah and do not truly follow or obey Yeshua

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Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that **obey him**.

Today there are very few people that the Holy Spirit is active within them. The only doctrine one is to follow is the complete Bible itself. One needs to submit to God and walk forward in total obedience to His word. Note that the nature of God does not change, when He tells us something is forever it stays forever. This is stated by God when he gave the Torah.

Understand that the above scriptures tells us that one cannot truly repent unless they walk forward doing their best not to sin. In order to do this one must walk forward in the Torah. To clarify this point, you must keep the weekly Sabbath on the seventh day of the week and keep the Holy Days of God along with their annual Sabbaths (Lev 23), as well as much more. Yeshua kept the Sabbath and the Holy Days, we are to follow Him and do as He showed us. Yeshua told us the Torah is in force until the Last Day of man on earth. Ignore that at your own peril.

Be very careful that the following does not apply to you.

Luk 13:25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

Luk 13:26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

Luk 13:27 But he shall say, I tell you, **I know you not** whence ye are; depart from me, all *ye workers of iniquity*.

Luk 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out.

Walking forward outside of the Torah brings with it consequences. Not hearing and obeying Yeshua brings with it consequences. We all have been given a free will choice. Hear and Obey Yeshua – Shema.

Yeshua defined very clearly the meaning and actions of repentance, our walking forward as a new person no longer sinning right up to the time of our death. Yeshua defined for us that the Torah is in full effect until the second resurrection and the last day.

Yeshua does not accept compromise ! Hear and obey.

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