

# Repent

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*From then on Jesus began to preach,  
“**REPENT** of your sins and turn to God, for the  
Kingdom of Heaven is near.” - Matthew 4:17*

*Repent means to TURN around and GO the other way.*

## 4 Reasons You Should Repent.

### 1. Because your sin SEPARATES you from GOD.

#### Isaiah 59

<sup>12</sup> For our sins are piled up before God and testify against us. Yes, we know what sinners we are. <sup>13</sup> We know we have rebelled and have denied the Lord. We have turned our backs on our God. We know how unfair and oppressive we have been, carefully planning our deceitful lies.

#### Isaiah 53

<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him (JESUS) the sins of us all.

#### Romans 6

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Sin = telling God NO*

*Wages of Sin = DEATH*

*Repentance = telling God YES*

*Gift of God = ETERNAL LIFE*

## 2. Because God LOVES you and WANTS you back.

### John 3

<sup>16-17</sup> Jesus said, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

### John 10

<sup>18</sup> Jesus said, "No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

*Jesus didn't save you because he HAD to,  
he saved you because he WANTED to.*

## 3. Because Jesus is the ONLY way to the FATHER.

### John 14

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me."

*The way is NARROW but the invitation is BROAD.*

### 2 Peter 3

<sup>9</sup> God is not willing that any should perish,  
but that all should come to repentance.

### John 6

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

### Mark 2

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

*Jesus came looking for SINNERS not for SAINTS.*

#### 4. Because Jesus is the ONLY way to FREEDOM.

##### **Luke 4**

<sup>18-19</sup> Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has appointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.”

##### **John 10**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said, “I am the door. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <sup>10</sup> The thief’s purpose is to steal, and kill, and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”

*Repentance is the BRIDGE to FREEDOM.*

##### **Mark 1**

<sup>14</sup> Jesus said, “The time promised by God has come at last! The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

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**Q:** What are you holding onto that’s  
keeping you from following Jesus?

**Q:** Are you ready to REPENT  
from your sin and TURN to Jesus?

**Q:** If you’re not ready now . . .  
when will you be ready?

## The 7 Confessions of the Christian Man.

1. Heavenly Father, we confess our **PRIDE**.  
We've forgotten that our blessings come from you, not from our own strength.
2. Heavenly Father, we confess our **ANGER**.  
We've focused on their faults instead of our own.
3. Heavenly Father, we confess our **APATHY**.  
We've ignored our brothers who are hurting, while we're consumed with our own comforts.
4. Heavenly Father, we confess our **GREED**.  
We've compromised our values as long as our profits are increasing.
5. Heavenly Father, we confess our **IDOLATRY**.  
We've elevated people, politics, and parties to a level that only GOD belongs.
6. Heavenly Father, we confess our **PREJUDICE**.  
We've forgotten that God created us all equal, and that he loves those who aren't anything like me.
7. Heavenly Father, we confess our **HYPOCRISY**.  
We claim to follow Jesus, but we continue to do whatever we want to do.

*Imagine what God could do with a handful of men who are ready to **REPENT!***