

## **The Cross and Repentance**

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**Text: Acts 2:38; John 15:1-12**

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### **Introduction:**

Most of us have learned that repentance is a condition of salvation.

The problem is that we don't understand  
what repentance actually is!

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**Our understanding of repentance is hindered by a few persistent myths:**

Repentance is necessary as an item on a \_\_\_\_\_  
task list.

Repentance is a \_\_\_\_\_ that we pass  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Repentance is essentially about meeting a \_\_\_\_\_ of  
God, rather than about entering and maintaining a  
\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

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*Repentance is essentially about the causes and  
consequences of spiritual change.*

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**What are the reasons we need to repent? Spiritually, we are:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ until we are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ until we are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ from God until we become  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to sin until God gives us

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ until God \_\_\_\_\_ us.

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Two sources of life and where they lead:

An \_\_\_\_\_ — our natural lives are products of the process which sustains and nurtures our natural growth and development.

A \_\_\_\_\_ — our spiritual lives are products of the process which sustains and nurtures our spiritual growth and development.

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Repentance is the process of detaching from the

\_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ life and attaching to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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*Detaching from our natural lives can be like tearing off a bandage or pulling apart Velcro!*

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Our need for repentance leaves us with two critical choices. We must:

1. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ as we are or to \_\_\_\_\_ what we can be.

2. Decide if our repentance will be an \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to life, or the \_\_\_\_\_ of an entirely new way of living.

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**Conclusion:**

Genuine repentance leads to genuine resurrection!

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