

The Cross and Repentance

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

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!

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.

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

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.

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.

Repentance is the process of detaching from the

_____ of our _____ life and attaching to the _____ of God's _____ life.

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

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.

Conclusion:

Genuine repentance leads to genuine resurrection!
