

MADENEW: STUDY GUIDE

The Beginning: Faith and Repentance

Faith and Repentance Must come together

- A. **Repentance is** a heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, turning in obedience to Christ.
1. Repentance is an intellectual understanding (that sin is wrong), an emotional approval of the teachings of Scripture (including a sorrow for sin and a hatred of it), and a personal decision to turn from it (a renouncing of sin and decision to forsake it and lead a life of obedience to Christ). (2 Cor 7:9-10)
 2. Repentance of Sin and Faith in Christ are two sides of the same coin taking place at the point of conversion and throughout our lives.
 3. Saving faith cannot occur without turning from Sin.
- B. **Salvation Requires acceptance of His Lordship**
1. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me. (Matt 11:28-29)
 2. In the scriptures, trusting God is tied to repentance. (Isa 55:6-7)
 3. Repentance is Elementary. (Hebrews 6:1)
 4. The Apostles tied Faith and Repentance together in their preaching. (Acts 3:19, Acts 5:31, Acts 17:30, Rom 2:4 2 For 7:10)
 5. Jesus Did the same. (Luke 8:18-30, Luke 19:1-10, John 4:16, John 3L1-21)
Note: The salvation prayer does not save us, the heart that trusts in Jesus is what saves us and it is often in a prayer that this occurs.
- C. **Faith and Repentance are ongoing**
1. Jesus instruction on daily prayer included repentance and forgiveness. (Matt 6:12)
 2. His love brings us to repentance. (Rev 3:19)
 3. Faith extends throughout life. (1 Cor 13:13)
 4. We live by faith. (Gal 2:20)
- D. **Questions**
1. Did you feel sincere sorrow for sin when you first came to Christ? Did it lead to a commitment to leave sin? How did that feel and how did your life change?
 2. Have you heard a gospel that did not include repentance of Sin?
 3. Have faith and repentance remained a part of your life or have those ideas grown weak in your heart over time? If they have faded, how has that affected your life?