



The Truth About Repentance

1. True Repentance Is Not Sorrow:

Paul stated; *“For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”* (II Cor. 7:10)

2. True Repentance Is Not Penance:

3. True Repentance Is Not Reformation:

Reformation is a change brought about by the efforts of man for self-glory. It is a turning away from known sin, or giving up a bad habit, or trying to overhaul the old nature, or turning over a new leaf, making restitution. Judas reformed but it did not save him and neither can it save you.

D.L. Moody said, "If you want pure water, don't paint the pump, clean the well."

Matt. 12:43-45 (read)

“Where Christ does not live, demons are free to live. Satan’s emissaries can go in and live in a reformed but Christless life and because of his religious delusion their host may be oblivious to their presence. **The last state of that man becomes worse than the first**, but he does not know it. He is like a leper who rubs off his finger and toes because he feels no pain, In an infinitely more tragic way, self-righteousness desensitizes a person to sin to the point that he is not aware that his very soul is rotting away under demonic corruption.” (McAulther)

4. True Repentance Is Not Casual Conviction:

Ephesians 4:18-19; “Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”



Here Paul states the sinner's Plight-
“spiritual darkness.”

Their Position- “alienated from God”

Their State – “lost and doesn't know it.”