

Disciples Repent from Sin

Luke 11:29-32

What is it to repent of sin (and sins)?

A heart-felt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ. – Wayne Grudem

Six biblical components drawn from Puritan Thomas Watson's super-helpful little book – *The Doctrine of Repentance*.

1. Recognition

Luke 15:17 – prodigal son – *“when he came to his senses... he said I have sinned!”*

Psalm 51:3 – David – *“I know my transgressions, and my sin is every before me.”*

2. Sorrow

a. A true renting of the heart... Watson – *“a wounded soul will show itself.”*

Psa 38:18 – *I am full of anxiety because of my sin*

Zech 12:10 – the Jews will one day mourn, weep bitterly at what they have done to their Messiah

Luke 7:38 – sinful woman anointing Jesus' feet, weeping...

Luke 18:13 – the publican beating his breast over his sin and its effect on his relationship with God

Jonah 3:8 – fast and be covered with sackcloth

b. Not merely a show of sorrow

Matt 6:16 – like the Pharisees, *“putting on a gloomy face” and “neglecting their appearance” so that they will be noticed by men.*

c. Not merely a sorrow over the consequences

2 Cor 7:9 –

Watson – *“True repentance will find as much bitterness in weeping over sin as we ever found sweetness in committing it.”*

3. Disgust

a. Hatred

2 Cor 7:11 – what this godly sorrow produces in you... (among other things) indignation, zeal, avenging of wrong (you are eager to punish anyone who commits such a thing)!

Watson – *Christ is never loved, until sin be loathed.*

Ps 119:104 – *I hate every false way.*

Ps 139:22 – *I hate them with the utmost hatred, they have become my enemies.*

b. Shame

Ezra 9:6 – *“On account of our iniquities..., I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift my face to You.”*

Dan 9:8 – *Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, because we have sinned against You.*

Jeremiah 6:15 – *“Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; they do not even know how to blush.”*

Zephaniah 3:5 – *“the unjust knows no shame.”*

Luke 15:21 – prodigal son – *“I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”*

Ps 32:5-7

God recognizes our sin

Heb 4:13 – *There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*

Isa 29:15-16 –

Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, “Who sees us?” or “Who knows us?” You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made would say to its maker, “He did not make me”; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, “He has no understanding”?

God Grieves over our Sin

Gen 6:6 – *The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*

Eph 4:30 – *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...*

God Abhors our Sin

Habakkuk 1:13 – *Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor.*