

## Section 15.1-3 2<sup>nd</sup>LBC 1689

### 15.1 Repentance to Life and Salvation

Some of the elect are converted after their early years, having lived in the natural<sup>a</sup> state for a time and served various evil desires and pleasures. God gives these repentance to life as part of their effectual calling.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>a</sup>without the Spirit

<sup>1</sup>Titus 3:2-5.

### 15.2 Repentance to Life and Salvation

There is no one who does good and does not sin.<sup>2</sup>

Even the best may fall into great sins and offenses, through the power and deceitfulness of the corruption in them, along with the strength of temptation. Therefore, God has mercifully provided in the covenant of grace that believers who sin and fall will be renewed through repentance to salvation.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Ecclesiastes 7:20.

<sup>3</sup>Luke 22:31, 32.

### 15.3 Repentance to Life and Salvation

This saving repentance is a gospel grace<sup>4</sup>

in which those who are made aware by the Holy Spirit of the many evils of their sin, by faith in Christ humble themselves for it with godly sorrow, hatred of it, and self-loathing.<sup>5</sup>

They pray for pardon and strength of grace and determine and endeavor by provisions from the Spirit to live before God in a well-pleasing way in everything.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Zechariah 12:10; Acts 11:18.

<sup>5</sup>Ezekiel 36:31; 2 Corinthians 7:11.

<sup>6</sup>Psalms 119:6, 128.

## Scripture Proofs

<sup>1</sup>**Titus 3:2-5** to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>2</sup>**Ecclesiastes 7:20** Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

<sup>3</sup>**Luke 22:31, 32** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>4</sup>**Zechariah 12:10** “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

**Acts 11:18** When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

<sup>5</sup>**Ezekiel 36:31** Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations.

**2 Corinthians 7:11** For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

<sup>6</sup>**Psalms 119:6, 128** Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.