

Psalm 51:9-10

Inner  
Transformation

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Three principles that prove biblical repentance desires more than the blessing of forgiveness.

David trusted God to not relate to him as his sins deserved and sought inner transformation that produced lasting change.

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**I.** Biblical repentance trusts that God will not view the believer in light of his sin.

“It is not enough to ask for forgiveness; there must be a change of heart, a revitalized spirit, or the sinner will do it again.”

*(Allen Ross, A Commentary on the Psalms, 2:197)*

# Psalm 51:10a

**II.** Biblical repentance is a complete transformation beginning with the inner person.

Be committed to pray  
for and wait for real  
heart change.

# Psalm 51:10b

**III.** Biblical repentance  
desires sustained  
change.

“It is in this very interaction of judgment and grace that he first experiences God in all his fullness.”

(Artur Weiser, *The Psalms*, p. 406)