

## Element 6I: Receiving Jesus Christ - More Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation (Soteriology) Repentance Surveyed in the New Testament

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### I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warnings of Eternal Judgment Day: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. **Messages 1 - 20: Elements 0 - 4: Defining Bad News (Gap)**: God, Man, Decalogue & Christ as Israel (Telos)

III. **Messages 21- 49: Element 5: Jesus: Only Solution or Mediator / Christology** (1 Tim. 2:3-6) (Matt. 16:13-18)

IV. **Main Theme Verse(s) for Essential Element 6 of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series: Receiving Jesus**

**(John 1:11-13)** <sup>12</sup> But to all who did λαμβάνω Him, who believed in His name, He gave the ἐξουσία to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

V. **Elements 6A - 6F: Receiving Jesus Christ: Intro to Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation: Key Words** (1 Cor. 2:6-13)

**Note: Must Be Combined w/ Experience vs. Mere Theoretical Knowledge: (James 2:19-20) (Heb. 11:1-33-40)**

**Words So Far**: Salvation, Save & Saved; Draw; Rescue &/or Deliver; Receive, Right (ἐξουσία / Authority & Power)

Regeneration Words: New Birth; Born Again; Made Alive / Conversion Words: Convict, Confess, Contrite, Repent

**Words to Come**: (More Elements of Conversion): Renounce, Faith (Trust), Follow, Obedience, Discipleship, Etc.

VI. **Last 2 Weeks: Elements 6G & 6H: Repent & Repentance Defined (w/ 8 Statements) & Prioritized**

**A. Element 6G: Repent** Greek: Verb μετανοέω (metanoéō): think differently; reconsider; moral compunction; change one's mind heartily w/ abhorrence of sin. / **Repentance**: Greek Feminine Noun: μετάνοια (metánoia): change mind, purpose or deeds; compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication, reversal (of decision).

**B. Element 6G: Eight Biblical Definitions of Repentance from Scripture Defining Scripture**

- 1.) Repentance is Primarily Intellectual & Volitional not Emotional (Volition = Will, Decision)
- 2.) Repentance Must be Radical and Foundational. (Radical = At the Roots)
- 3.) Repentance is the First Emphasis of Scripture in Preparing to Receive Jesus (New Birth & Conversion)
- 4.) Repentance is the Prerequisite (Key) to Faith. (Precursor; Quintessential Foundation) (A "Must")
- 5.) Repentance is the Gift of God & Initiated by God.
- 6.) Repentance is an Ongoing Daily Foundation of the Christian Life.
- 7.) Repentance Produces Fruit. (Changes in Behavior, Motives, Attitudes, Character, Lifestyle & Destiny)
- 8.) Repentance is not only "From" but also most importantly "Toward" (seeking & loving) God.  
Repentance is more than a change in Direction – it is a change in Connection. Who is our center?  
Repentance includes a change in "First Loves." Repentance is "falling in Love."

**Note 1**: Repentance **includes**: Conviction; Confession, Contrition, Repentance, Renunciation & Restitution.

Contemporary "Bible-Believing" Christianity Emphasizes Forgiveness & Reconciliation Apart From Above.

**C. Element 6H: Repent (Repentance): Prioritized in the New Testament (Covenant)**

**Repentance is the First Word Priority in the Ministries of (1) John the Baptizer, (2) Jesus & (3) Apostles**

- 1.) **John the Baptizer: Preparer for Christ: (#2, 3, 5 & 7)** (Matthew 3:1-2, 5-12) (Mark 1:1-13)
- 2.) **Jesus**: 1st Public Words & 1st Instructions. **(#3 & 8)** (Mk. 1:14-15) (Matt. 4:17) (Mk. 6:7-13) (Lk. 24:47-49)
- 3.) **The Apostolic Proclamation, Pattern & Teaching**: (Acts 2:37-40 / See Note 1) (Acts 3:19-21/ #3)

## VII. Today: Element 6I Repent (Repentance): Surveyed in the New Testament (Covenant)

**Note 2:** This list skips a number of verses. Notice the context of each verse. (Which of the 8 Statements Apply?)

**Note 3:** NT is the Continuation of the **Apostolic Proclamation, Pattern & Teaching** (VI. C. 3. Above.)

**(Acts 5:31)** He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to **grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins**. (Repentance: An Emphasis of NT Church Message) (#5) (More than Confession)

**(Acts 11:18)** When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has **granted** to the **Gentiles** also the **repentance** that leads to life. (#5: Repentance is the Gift of God.) (Cf. Acts 5:31 w/ 11:18)

**(Acts 17:30)** Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is **now declaring** to men that **all people everywhere** should **repent**,<sup>31</sup> because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world ... (Cf. w/ Acts 5:31 & 11:18)

**(Acts 19:4)** Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of **repentance**, telling the people to **believe** in Him who was coming after him, that is, in **Jesus**.” (#3 & 4)

**(Acts 20:21)** solemnly testifying to **both Jews** and **Greeks** of **repentance toward** God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. (#4 & 8)

**(Acts 26:20)** but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at **Jerusalem** and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the **Gentiles**, that they should repent and **turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance**. (#7 & 8)

**(Romans 2:4)** Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? (#5)

**(2 Corinthians 7:9-10)** I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of **repentance**; for you were made sorrowful **according to the will of God**, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is **according to the will of God produces** a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. (#1, 5, 6 & 7)

**(2 Timothy 2:25)** with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may **grant** them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, (#5)

**(Hebrews 6:1-2)** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,<sup>2</sup> of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. (#2, 4 & 8)

**(2 Peter 3:9)** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for **all** to come to **repentance**. (#3, 5 & Note 1)

**(Revelation 2:5)** Therefore **remember** from where you have fallen, and **repent** and do the **deeds you did at first**; or else I am coming to you and will **remove your lamp stand** out of its place unless you **repent**. (#1, 2, 3 & 6) (Ephesus)

**(Revelation 3:1-3)** He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a **name that you are alive, but you are dead**.<sup>2</sup> **Wake up**, and **strengthen the things that remain**, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.<sup>3</sup> So **remember** what you have received and heard; and **keep it**, and **repent**. Therefore if you do not **wake up**, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. (#1, 2, 5, 6 & 7) (Sardis)

**(Revelation 3:15-20)**<sup>15</sup> ‘I know your **deeds**, that you are **neither cold nor hot**; I wish that you were cold or hot.<sup>16</sup> So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit (**Lit. vomit**) you out of My mouth.<sup>17</sup> Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,<sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.<sup>19</sup> **Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline**; therefore be zealous and **repent**.<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone **hears My voice** and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. (#1, 3, 5, 6 & 8) (Laodicea) (Rev. 2 & 3: Pergamum, Thyatira) (5 of 7)

## VIII. Next Week: Element 6H: More Soteriological Gospel Vocabulary: Repentance Surveyed in NT



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