

# Basic Christianity 2 – 1

## “Repentance from dead works”

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Main text: Hebrews 5:11-6:3 (KJV)

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Maturity: God’s will and purpose for us all

Defined in terms of understanding; discernment of good and evil and proper application. (learning to living)

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### I. Repentance from dead works

#### A. Repent: to change one’s mind

To change directions

To reverse course

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#### 1. Two kinds of repentance

##### a. Unbelievers= for salvation (original sin)

Romans 3:23 (all have sinned...)

Romans 6:23 (wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus)

Romans 5:17-19 Adam’s sin; Jesus’ obedience

(Psalms 51:5 – Behold I was shaped in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me)

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##### b. Believers- A new lifestyle (personal sins)

Constant changing as we behold Gods glory

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#### 2. Dead works (2 kinds as well)

##### a. sins – Hebrews 9:14 (ref)

Colossians 1:21(ref)

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##### b. self-righteousness (our good works)

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

The works themselves are not evil but the motives are. It causes us to trust or put faith in ourselves vs. God. It causes us to try to earn or deserve things from God.

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B. Repentance Preached

1. John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2)
  2. Jesus (Mark 1:15/Matthew 4:17)
  3. Disciples (Mark 6:12)
  4. Peter (Acts 2:38/Acts 3:19)
  5. Paul (Acts 17:30/Acts 26:20)
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C. Gospel Message (3 elements)

1. An announcement – good news (Jesus saves)  
Romans 2:4 – Leads men to repentance
  2. A Command – repent (You need saved) Acts 17:20  
2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow works repentance
  3. A Call - Believe (Receive God's gift)  
Mark 16... whosoever believes  
John 5:24... believe on him  
Good news/repent/believe
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II. Why we repent as believers?

1. Not to be saved! Born-again...again
  2. Not to get God to love or accept us (He never stopped)
  3. Because we have a new nature and want to do what's right
  4. We have God's wisdom and see the wages of sin (Romans 6:23)
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Sin (even forgiven by God is dangerous)  
Sin grieves God vs. angers him (Hebrews 12 chastening)  
Sin harms us and others

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4 Categories in regard to wisdom over sin

1. Sin brings bondage and enslaves us  
John 8:34 (KJV)
2. Sin gives Satan place in our lives.  
(John 10:10) ref.  
Romans 6:16 (KJV)
3. Sin hardens our hearts  
Hebrews 3:7-19 (KJV)

4. Sin defiles our conscience.
    - Hebrews 9:14 (KJV)
    - Romans 2:12-15 (KJV)
    - 1 John 3:19-21 (KJV)
    - 1 John 1:7-9 (KJV)
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