

## Basic Christianity – 2

### “Repentance From Dead Works”

Heb. 6:1-3 (KJV)

Repent = change your mind and direction  
= complete reversal

Dead works

1. Sins
2. Self-righteousness

A. Self-righteousness

- Faith in your good works
- Trust in yourself

Eph. 2:8-9 (KJV)

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

II Timothy 1:19 (KJV)

Different schools of Thought (on works)

1. My good outweighs my bad  
More good than bad = heaven  
More bad than good = ?
2. My good outweighs the Christians  
“If those hypocrites make it, I’ll make it!”  
Bad theology!!
3. My good outweighs everyone else (my neighbors)  
“No one’s perfect, so God selects the top 20%.”  
Example: bear chasing you and friend scenario

Our good works are not evil, but the source and motives can be. They cause us to trust in self instead of God. They blind us of our need for God’s grace. If a work is to get saved or earn anything from God, it is a dead work. Good works that come out of love for God and people are pleasing to God.

B. Sins

[ Why Do We (Believers) Repent? ]

1. Not to get saved / born again again
2. Not to get God to love or accept us
3. Because we have a new nature (righteous and holy)

We want to do what's right (Ephesians 4:22-24)

4. We have wisdom and can see the dangers of sin (Romans 6:23)
5. We love God and people now (Romans 5:5)  
Romans 13:8-10 (KJV)

[ Four Categories In Regards To Wisdom Over Sin ]

1. Sin brings bondage and enslaves us - John 8:34 (KJV)
2. Sin gives Satan a place - Romans 6:16 (KJV) / II Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV)
3. Sin hardens the heart - Hebrews 3:7-14 (KJV)
4. Sin defiles our conscience - Hebrews 9:12-14 (KJV)  
Romans 2:15 (ref) "conscience excuses or accuses us"  
I John 3:18-21 (KJV) The heart can condemn us  
I John 1:5-10 (KJV)  
Example - Jesus washes disciples' feet  
John 13:5-10 (KJV - ref)