

The Seed of Repentance (Sorrow)

The spawning ground of repentance

***Emotional Element**

Effects inward man

“caring afterwards”
(Matthew 21:29 and 32)

2 Corinthians 7:10
“For godly sorrow (grief)
worketh repentance to
salvation...”

Conviction over sin -
“they were pricked
in their heart”
(Acts 2:37)

The prelude to conversion

James 4:10 illustrates:
“Be afflicted, and mourn,
and weep: let your
laughter be turned to
mourning, and *your* joy to
heaviness.”

Lehman Strauss: “We are
not saved by our feelings,
but neither do our feelings
remain dead and senseless
when we are saved.”

Luke 18:13 - “God be
merciful to me a sinner”
and “Woe is me” (Isa. 6:5)

“And am no more worthy
to be called thy son”
(Luke 15:17)

The Root of Repentance (Change of Mind)

The basis of repentance

***Volitional Element**

Effects inward man

The *inward* “change of
mind” and attitude (Luke
13:3, 5; 15:7; Acts 3:19;
17:30; Acts 26:20)

A different attitude
toward: Sin, Savior, and
Salvation

Acts 3:19 - “Repent ye
therefore, and be
converted, that your sins
may be blotted out...”

The act of conversion
(when a person turns to God)

“Turned to God from
idols” (1 Thess. 1:9)

“Repent and turn yourselves
from your idols” (Ezek. 14:6)
and “turn yourselves from
all your transgressions”
(Ezek. 18:30)

“turn them from darkness
to light” (Acts 26:18)

No person can be saved if
they are in rebellion
against God (John 3:19).

“Father, I have sinned
against heaven” (Luke
15:18; Ps. 51:4)

The Fruit of Repentance (Good Works)

The transformation of
repentance

***Reformation Element**

Effects outward man

The *outward* change that
FOLLOWS repentance:

Following Christ
(Luke 9:23; 14:26-27)
Forsaking sin (Isa. 55:7)
Loving the brethren
(1 John 3:14)
Changing one’s life
(2 Cor. 3:18)
Demonstrating holy living
(Rom. 6:22)

The result of conversion

“To serve the living and
true God” (1 Thess. 1:9)

Matthew 3:8 - “Fruits meet
(fitting) for repentance”

Acts 26:20 - “works meet for
repentance”

Don’t confuse the *root* of
repentance with the *fruit*
of repentance.

“I will arise and go to my
father” (Luke 15:18). “And
he arose, and came to his
father” (Luke 15:20).