

## Scriptures and Doctrine :: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?

AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?, on: 2006/10/30 8:26

2 Corinthians 4:2

But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (NASB)

2 Corinthians 4:2

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (NIV)

There is also

Revelation 2:13

`I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not **deny** My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. (NKJV)

or

I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives. (NIV)

Simply put, I would like a discussion about whether Paul's use of the word 'renounced', has any relevance for Christians today. (The verse in Revelation helps to indicate the general significance of renunciation.)

Part of what is on my mind is, whether repentance, no matter how genuine, is really *enough* in some life circumstances... to CUT OFF a person from their sins, or, to cut their sins off from them **in their experience**.

**If** repentance is enough, why does Paul mention 'renounced'?

If renunciation is required occasionally, in what circumstances should it be done (how publicly) and with reference to which sins?

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH? - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2006/10/30 9:02**

Wouldn't part of repentance be you renouncing sin?

**Re: - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/10/30 12:53**

THE DEFINITION OF TRUE REPENTANCE?

Repentance is essential before we can escape the wrath of God, so what exactly is repentance?

Turning from Sin to Serve. "You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10). Turn from sin to faith in Christ. True repentance is a total turning of the total person from all sin, to submission to God. "Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

Turning in One's Mind. "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you" (Luke 15:18). True repentance agrees with God that sin is sin and that God is the true God. The more one learns about God and sin the more that person can genuinely repent. A person has not repented who merely quits a sin because it is unhealthy, while not confessing that thing as sin (1 John 1:9). "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

A Turning of Emotion. "Blessed are you who mourn " (Matthew 5:4). Unsaved people enjoy their "guilty pleasures" - sin. Repentant people are grieved by sin. We hate it and are repulsed by it; "put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done" (Ezekiel. 9:4). True, in our sinful nature we are still tempted by the deceitful pleasure of sin but the new man is grieved over any hint of attraction to sin. We hate the fact that we still desire sin! The Spirit of God brings powerful conviction (great blame and shame) upon the Christian who falls into sin (John 16:8). We are ashamed of sin (Isaiah 44:9), and we love God (1 John 4:19; 5:3).

A Turning of the Will. True repentance wants to stop sinning and start serving God. A criminal may be forced to stop certain crimes like theft but does not want to stop. The reality of a jail cell forces him to stop. A truly repentant person cries out to God for deliverance and victory over sin, and fully intends upon turning from sin to serve God (Romans 7:18,21).

A Turning of Actions. "They should repent, turn to God, and prove their repentance by their deeds" (Acts 26:20). True repentance is proven by a radically changed life. "Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:8). If there is no change, there has been no repentance. "Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:10). Zacchaeus the tax collector said to Jesus, "'Look Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house'" (Luke 19:8-9).

A Turning in Faith. Repentance is a turning away from sin to saving faith in Christ, "testifying...repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). Those who are trusting their good works for salvation have not yet truly repented.

Repentance turns away from reliance upon works to reliance upon Christ alone who died for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Christ died as our substitute in our place! He died for our sin and rose again. He bore our sins in his own body on the tree. Christ died to pay the penalty of death for our sin. "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent because he has appointed a day on which he will judge the world" (Acts 17:30).

an excerpt from a writing my pastor wrote.

**Re: - posted by DesiJr, on: 2006/10/30 17:14**

Well, a good definition that I use when I am speaking with people about Jesus is that they see and feel the same way about their sin the way God does.

When you see yourself through the eyes of God then it brings a Godly sorrow which leads to life.

If not, then you just feel bad that you got caught committing sin and feeling bad is not repentance.

Now just because you repent of your sin that does not mean that you are saved.

The Word does NOT say repent and you will be saved.

Why do we do this to ourselves? Why are we always looking for a shortcut to God?

If you diligently seek after God, and the Spirit of God is producing out of your life fruits of Good Works (ex: reading the Word, praying, walking in faith and not by sight, serving your brothers & sisters..etc.)...NOT out of obligation to obtain salvation or to please man ... but because the Spirit in you compels you to do these things....I am sure that this same Spirit is testifying to your soul that you are saved.

Why is this so difficult to understand?

Why do we always try to quantify God or to put him in little steps or prerequisites?

BELIEVE, SEEK HARD AFTER HIM, AND FOLLOW HIM, LOVE HIM AND YOUR BROTHERS.....

There's no special formula or shortcut.

God Bless,  
And be free!

Desi Jr.

**Re: - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/10/31 10:03**

Quote:

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Ezk 18:30: "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.

Acts 3:19: Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

Repentance: turning from sin to serve. If you don't do this: you're not saved. Repentance is essential for salvation. Period. Without true repentance you have not faith.

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Repentance isn't a shortcut to God. NOT HAVING REPENTANCE IS.

If you have true repentance that would incorporate all essential for salvation. Just as true faith would produce works. Just as you can't have true faith and be lost, you can't have true repentance and be lost. There is no such thing as a Christian who does not turn from sin to God. There is no such thing as a Christian who truly turns to God from sin who is not saved.

God Bless!

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?, on: 2006/10/31 10:54**

Quote:

-----Wouldn't part of repentance be you renouncing sin?  
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Well, this is what I'm trying to get at, in the light of the very few mentions in the New Testament, of 'renounce'.

It must mean *something* or it wouldn't be there at all!

So, I have another question, very like yours, TaylorOtwell,

***Wouldn't part of renunciation, be you repenting from sin?***

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH? - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2006/10/31 11:02**

Since when has repentance merely been a one time act? A repentant heart is a state of being, not merely a one-time deal. One cannot turn away from sin and turn towards God without such a renouncing of sin.

**Re:, on: 2006/10/31 11:16**

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Are you saying it is not *possible* to repent, unless one has already renounced sin?

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I don't think anyone is suggesting that repentance is a one time act.

Here's another question, then.....

Is 'renunciation' a one time act?

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH? - posted by markm, on: 2006/10/31 13:49**

What of crucifying the flesh and dying to sin? Are those acts of renunciation? Are they continual, or are they one time events that we have to remind ourselves of in order that we might live in the freedom they offer?

**Re: - posted by jewelz (), on: 2006/10/31 14:54**

More repentance! More renuciation! More confession!More convicton... More repentance and so on, on and on until one day we might be free from this stinking cage of filthy flesh! AARRGGGGG!!!!

Wash me Lord again, not just my feet but my whole being inside and out in that precious blood! ALLELUIA!!!!

AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH! Freedom, sweet freedom!

:-)

Julian the blood washed!

**Re: - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/10/31 15:41**

Quote:

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Repentance: turning from sin to serve.

Turning from sin would be renouncing sin wouldn't it?

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Renunciation would be continual just as faith and repentance. I think renunciation of sin is a part of repentance anyways.

Quote:

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Amen.

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?, on: 2006/10/31 16:04**

In the past, philologos has warned against taking our 'theology' from a secular dictionary.... so..... has *anyone* checked out a dictionary definition of 'renounce', whether secular or biblical?

**Re:, on: 2006/10/31 17:18**

True repentance will lead a man or woman to a revelation of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist came preaching repentance...that we should prepare the way of the Lord..to make His paths straight...

Our "true" repentance (from sin and dead works) allows God to reveal himself to us.

A man or woman who truly repents will be able to say, like John the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God!" And a revelation of Him is all we need for life and godliness.

**Re: - posted by Andrew\_Strom, on: 2006/10/31 17:23**

It really upsets me to see on this discussion board that people do not know how to "go on" from DEEP REPENTANCE into a truly "VICTORIOUS" Christian life.

When first becoming a Christian - the thing that comes after repentance is- (1) Getting WATER BAPTIZED (ie. Being "buried" with Christ) and (2) Getting FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. (-When this happened to me I spoke in tongues and my life was utterly revolutionized. -This is the pattern we see in Acts and I expect to see the same with each person today).

Friend, if you have not had these two experiences then you have not even fulfilled Acts 2:38 - which is DAY ONE Christianity in the book of Acts.

(ie. "REPENT, be BAPTIZED and get filled with the HOLY SPIRIT").

Then after that, it is onward into a 'VICTORIOUS' Christian walk. (-I mean true "victory" over sin). Please see my article below about this. -Andrew Strom.

## HOW TO HAVE A "PERSONAL" REVIVAL

-by Andrew Strom.

"Practical steps that will revolutionize your Christian walk"

For many years now I have studied the accounts of past Revivals and Revivalists. This is what I am known for - writing and speaking on the subject of 'Revival'. But when you study this topic, one of the things you see very quickly is that we in the church today are living well below the level of Christianity that should be considered 'normal'. (-Even a lot of "Spirit-filled" believers today). When you see what kind of Gospel was preached and what kind of Christian life was lived in the Revival days of old, you start to hunger for that kind of Christianity again. And you start to see that there is a kind-of "Revived" life that is very attainable for us all today - but so few are walking in it - or are even told that it exists. In many ways, what I am talking about is the 'Normal' Christian life. It is nothing else but the "new creation" life found in Romans chapters 6 - 8. There is nothing "amazing" about it at all. Yet it is so far above the kind of Christianity that we have been led to expect, that many think it "unattainable". How very sad - because it is the free gift of God to us all.

Is it possible to walk before God in a constant state of being 'clean' before Him - and knowing it? Is it possible to walk with a totally pure heart and clean conscience as our "normal" state - every day? Is it possible to live in true victory over sin - at a practical level? Is it possible to have the strongholds of sin and pride in our fallen nature so dealt-with that they hardly bother us at all?

The answer to these questions is 'Yes'. And one of the key things that I want this website to be about, is how to come into this kind of Christianity - how to literally have a "personal Revival".

### THE STARTING PLACE - "REPENTANCE"

As all Scripture and Revival history shows - a true Revival begins with "Deep Repentance". And in our personal lives, it so often begins with making a "list" - literally - of ANY sin or compromise or "cloud" that is in our life - and confessing those sins to God with real sorrow and repentance. Any person who cannot make a 'LIST' like that - and spend time confessing their sins before God (-And forsaking them!) - is not really serious about becoming 'Revived'. This is the first place to start.

In fact, please stop reading this right now. Please find a piece of paper and write down a List of every sin or 'doubtful' thing in your life. Ask God to "shine His light" into your heart and show you everything that you need to repent of. Then simply get alone with Him and go through that List - repenting of each thing one by one - deeply confessing and forsaking them before the Lord.

I believe a lot of people will have a "Personal Revival" just through doing that! -In fact, I know of many people who have literally been 'revived' through this simple process. So please - DO IT NOW! This first step is so important that I do not believe there is any point reading further until you have gone through it.

### THEN - "WALKING" IN IT

Now, after you have been through this Repentance process, what you are left with is a CLEAN CONSCIENCE. .

Assuming that you have these basic things in place, and that you have now REPENTED DEEPLY by confessing your sins to God one by one, you should now sense a RENEWED COMMUNION with God through having a totally CLEAN CONSCIENCE before Him. Is that what you are sensing?

The Bible speaks many times of having a conscience that is "sprinkled clean" by God. -And what a precious thing that is! In fact, it is fair to say that the Christian life consists of- (1) Getting a clean conscience, and (2) Keeping it clean! -It is pretty much as simple as that!

So how do you "walk" in a 'Revived' state before God? -Simply by walking in a way that KEEPS YOUR CONSCIENCE CLEAN. That is what Romans 8 is all about! -That is what 1 John 3 is all about! -Keeping your heart PURE before God. -Getting a clean conscience and WALKING IN IT - by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Below I have compiled a number of testimonies from readers - telling about their experience of this continual "clean" state before God - and how it happened. Remember - this is a "GIFT" from God - and to experience it we MUST have His Spirit. The testimonies are below:

**JASON WRITES:**

As a word of encouragement, I have been screaming the message of deliverance from sin, freedom from bondage, and slavery to righteousness from Romans 5-8 for about the last five years.

The most common response is a list of reasons (actually, justifications) of why these verses simply CANNOT mean what they seem to mean. Another response is that simple "mystified" look - as when one cannot quite process what they have just been told. Still another sad response is that of sheer anger.

Nevertheless, "He is able to save to the uttermost." The Book of Revelation declares that He has "freed us from our sins by His blood." In yet another place we are told that we "died to sins that we might live for righteousness."

**MARY BELLE WRITES:**

I just read your word, "My Experience of a CLEAN HEART", and it is a word that the Body of Christ must hear. If we only lived out from Romans 6, our lives would be revolutionized. We are not living the "normal Christian life" because we don't believe that it is obtainable except through struggle and trying to do our best.

Most of the believers in Christ have never walked or lived according to what the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished on the Cross for us... We have lived the "sub-normal life" and believed it to be the truth. The lie of Satan must be exposed and the Church of the Living God come into the complete fullness of who she really is.

**TERRY WRITES:**

I think your article is exactly right! In fact this has been a normal life for me. Whenever conviction arises I do something about it and return to that place of rest and freedom from sin. I don't think there is any other kind of Christianity, unless a person is willing to live under conviction of sin and not do anything about it.

**LINDA WRITES:**

Many of these truths aren't taught in a lot of churches... Not death to self, not the crucified life, and as you know - that's where it all starts. Many don't know who they are in Christ Jesus, have no idea we are Clean, Justified, released from our old nature to take on His nature.

**JEFF WRITES:**

The fact that so few experience this does not mean we should change the Gospel, so willfully sinning people can feel better about their relationship with God - so they can feel better than God wants them to. But I think we also need to give them the tools so they can live in Romans 8.

I attended an evangelical seminary for a year, hearing over and over about imputed righteousness, and almost nothing about actual, overcoming righteousness, and seeing hardly any.

In "Are You Walking in Romans 8?" you preached that we must have a pure white robe to be normal Christians and to enter heaven. Isn't this what Jesus said in Revelation 3? But how many U.S. 'Christians' have heard this preached? No wonder the knee-jerk reaction that some will have when the Biblical standard for going to heaven is finally taught.

Jesus' heart is grieved, and He wants us to speak out the truth, even if this offends some people and makes them uncomfortable. Smith Wigglesworth said, ~"I want to make people either mad or glad." We must teach what Jesus requires, as well as how people can live in Romans 8; otherwise, millions who think they are Christians will be doomed.

I think the most radical difference between overcoming-you and the undercoming majority is your statement: "God gave me a true 'fear of the Lord' from the start, and a deep repentance where I literally went right through my life and repented of everything I could find that was not godly."

This happened to me, also, over 30 years ago.... I had a healthy fear of the Lord. If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, how can the church make right decisions about many things if they don't even have the beginning of wisdom. Satan has taken the fear of the Lord from the American church, and the 'church' is mostly not really Jesus' going-to-heaven church.

We will see the prophesied revival which will just be a group of people who are living as true going-to-heaven Christians. Then the world will know.

That's my opinion. I would love to share more, regarding what will help the church truly overcome, including how God told me I was in danger of going to hell when I was willfully lusting, and how He told me to live in the kingdom with my whole heart, not just my head, which I've found is a huge key to overcoming sin.

The heart is much more than a pump. It's the deepest center of our emotions. Andrew, you talk a lot about having a pure heart. I believe that Jesus means this literally. He says we are not to look at a woman with lust in our heart, and that we need to do whatever we need to in order to not do this and be able to go to heaven. He says we are to forgive everyone from our hearts, otherwise the tormentors have a right to mess with us. Jesus says we are to love God with our whole heart, not just our heads, or even with part of our heart. Why do lovers say, "I love you from the bottom of my heart?" Why does the Bible speak of the heart about 1,000 times?

I think one of the biggest keys you've learned is to keep your heart pure, not just your head. But most Americans don't understand this concept. Most pastors don't understand this, yet it's the first part of the greatest commandment.

The 'church' must repent, and we need to speak what the Holy Spirit is putting on our hearts to speak. Then we will be one, not just a few of us, but many. It will be so awesome!!! We will see it if we don't give up.

**Jael Writes:**

I, and many others walk in what I call 'righteousness consciousness' daily. As for my walk, I keep in communion with my Heavenly Father at all times, making corrections and receiving forgiveness as necessary, but staying in His presence all ways. He shows me where to correct, where to re-examine myself, when I need to repent in order to stay in this blessed state. This should not come as a major upset to anyone. Isn't this how Christianity is supposed to be? As far as I can see, this is the only way to live... the only way I'd ever WANT to live. We are new creations... as it says in another translation... "we are a new species of being, that never existed before." Humans with God inside. Hallelujah!! I say we should live in the light, as children of the light.

**Tenney Writes:**

I loved your essay on walking in cleanness. I too experience a daily walk with the Lord wherein I do not find myself having to repent all the time. Some things are SETTLED! I was delighted to hear your story, because I agree, there should be more of this easy wonderful walk with God.

**Katrina Writes:**

At one time in my life I was an alcoholic, drug-addicted prostitute. I was arrested and in jail when I made a complete and total surrender to the Lord. He put me in Romans, Chapters 5-8 for about 3 months continuous study and prayer. When I left that jail at the end of six months I was a set free captive! Today, six years later, I walk as a new creation that Jesus Christ has made me! I serve as housemother/counselor in a women's ministry for ladies coming out of addiction and sin and turning to the Lord for that victory. I agree with everything that you have "preached"! After all, "whom the Son sets free, is free indeed!"

**Brad Writes:**

Years ago after a wonderful meeting with the Lord in prayer one night my faith was ignited and my wife would say I went from a 1 to a 10 overnight in my relationship with God. I often shared my faith with other believers who were constantly contending with my new faith. One day I was reading thru Romans because of some contention about the Holy Spirit. I knelt down to talk to God and He spoke to me and asked me "What do you see?" and I said I see that I don't have to sin anymore, and He said to me "That's what I wanted you to see". Our Baptism into His death and raised into His new life should not be contaminated with unbelief or arguments of "I can't stop sinning, it's too hard". These are lies that are contrary to the truth. I never knew before that moment that I was freed from sin through Baptism (Romans ch 6). That lack of truth in my life was a source of great struggles and self condemnation for years.

**Judy Writes:**

Andrew, Perhaps as well you can post chapter by chapter the Watchman Nee book, The Normal Christian Life on here... I am finding that I must read more than once this book and I also believe that this sinless life as explained in this book and also in the book of Romans is something that must be by revelation, not just teaching. It must be "got" as it is so very deep. Add to that your sermons, and other perhaps teachings by those whom you have also mentioned as preachers of t



his sinless life and hopefully the readers will be able to appropriate the truths by revelation.

**CANDITA WRITES:**

I finally found someone who believes as I do! I sat at my computer and cried. I'm not a weirdo after all! I don't believe any Christian should live a yoyo life (up and down). Another thing that I'm not hearing in the preaching of the Gospel, is Maintenance - How to Maintain the Salvation that you receive.... nobody tells you HOW to maintain what Jesus has given you.

**GEORGE WRITES:**

Dear Andrew, "Normal" Christianity is this: Walking before God with a totally clean conscience and a pure heart - as our 'normal' state before Him. -Utterly clean. No STRIVING or "TRYING to be good". This is clearly what the New Testament describes as normal. - Literally walking before God with "no consciousness of present sin".

Yes, absolutely. That is what we are doing. And if something "pops up", we take a good look at it (being "transparent" is our goal) and deal with it. If there is indeed something there, then repentance and taking authority over it are the order of the day... and we keep on walking! Is this preached today? Sadly not.

**ANDREW AGAIN:**

I hope through these testimonies you can get a sense of how simple - yet how vital - this "clean conscience" state is for Christians. It really is the 'Normal Christian Life'! It is simply Romans Chapters 5 - 8, and I do not believe that any lesser state is acceptable at all. -In fact, it is totally unacceptable for any believer.

I am truly hoping that this article will give you some practical insights about how to come into this state in your own life. That is what it is all about. -First 'GETTING' a clean conscience - then 'WALKING' in it! Quite a simple concept - and utterly scriptural. But remember - we must have the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT in our lives before we can walk in this. -It is only by HIS strength and leading that it is possible.

I am currently writing a book on how to have a "Personal Revival" - and it should be finished soon. But in the meantime, we have placed a number of audio sermons on the right-hand side of our website relating to this ( - REVIVALSCHOOL.com ). Some actually experience a "Personal Revival" through listening to these - which I truly thank God for. -The most helpful ones to download are probably "How to Experience Personal Revival" and also "Are you Walking in Romans 8?" But others such as "Repentance in Kansas City" or even "Outspoken!" can be helpful also. Most of the audio up there is designed to take you deeper into revival.

Below is one of the most recent testimonies about this:

**CHRISTOPH WRITES:**

I'm from Germany (18 y.o) and it's just a few months ago I visited your page for the first time. I think one of the first sermons I listened to was about Romans 8 ... In the beginning I could not imagine that this kind of Christianity you preached exists at all. But I thought about it again and again and now I'm so thankful... I now live in a state where there is no sin in my life that rules over me. I am so full of life now, because I realized what this life Jesus promised is all about.

I am so happy that there is nothing that controls me except my Lord and God Jesus and I started fighting for this truth in my youth group. Yesterday I preached a sermon about hell and Romans 8 in front of about 50 people. Some were really touched by the Spirit, others just said I am crazy and that this kind of Christian life without all this fleshly stuff is not possible. I said one part of the gospel is to get free from this bondage of sin. Some got mad and said the gospel is just love and has nothing really to do with our sins. So I hope I will be able to start this in our country because we are so weak that I often prayed: "God, send revival or take me home."

And believe me, the first time I made a decision for Christ was about 2 years ago, but somehow I am not sure that I got saved at that time. There was so much sin and worldly stuff in my life that I'm convinced I was just some kind of "almost Christian".

My church is a pentecostal church with everything except prayer meetings. So I just want to thank you that I am now living in a state that I think is what you call a revival state. I know God did this and I did nothing for it...

**ANDREW AGAIN:**

As I said, it may be best to start with the two sermons - "HOW TO EXPERIENCE PERSONAL REVIVAL" and "ARE YOU

U WALKING IN ROMANS 8?" You can download these (free) from the right-hand side of- <http://www.revivalschool.com>

I pray that we all truly and deeply experience "Personal Revival", my friends.

God bless you all,

Andrew Strom.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/10/31 17:36**

Our repentance is of God and given by God who must author repentance to every believer.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

It is God who leads any person to repentance. How can anyone repent unless it is of God by the conviction of the Holy Spirit. We cannot repent unless it is granted that we do.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

How can anyone repent to salvation unless it is of God?

Act 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

How do we repent? Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

We repent by the granting of repentance that leads to salvation by God. 2Cr 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. The work of repentance is of God, which is not the repentance of the world in saying I repent.

Let us go on to the deeper things of God in Christ Jesus which is Christ in you the Hope of Glory. Hbr 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

For the repentance of God to salvation is not to be repented of, it is a sure foundation and if the repentance of God were able to be fallen away from, it would be impossible for them to be renewed to repentance again for they would crucify to themselves again the Lord Jesus Christ. The repentance of God cannot be fallen away from.

Let us go on into perfection in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: Charismatic - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/11/1 15:34**

Andrew\_Strom I know where you're coming from but follow along.

Quote:

-----It really upsets me to see on this discussion board that people do not know how to "go on" from DEEP REPENTANCE into a truly "VICTORIOUS" Christian life.

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A victorious Christian life would be walking in holiness in the power of the Spirit... not speaking in tongues. What upset

s me is when somebody believes they are saved BECAUSE they speak in "tongues".

Quote:

-----When first becoming a Christian - the thing that comes after repentance is- (1) Getting WATER BAPTIZED (ie. Being "buried" with Christ) and (2) Getting FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. (-When this happened to me I spoke in tongues and my life was utterly revolutionized. -This is the pattern we see in Acts and I expect to see the same with each person today).  
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Water baptism is symbolic of dying to self and rising to a new life. If you're referring to being baptized into Christ's church then all believers have done that (been baptized). Being "FILLED" with the Spirit happens to everybody at salvation.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were ALL baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

All believers have the fullness of the Spirit. If you don't have the Spirit you are lost.

If you say we don't have the Spirit until we speak in tongues... you have a false gospel.

If you say that people who don't speak in tongues don't have the Spirit then you are saying that Spurgeon, Edwards, MacArthur and all others who are non-cessational are ALL LOST. You can't say you only have some of the Spirit and not all... It's either you're saved and are in Christ's church or you're lost. Therefore, either you have the Spirit or you don't.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

By the way this "charismatic movement" of speaking in tongues is about 50 years old.

Also, "Renouncing Sin" is part of repentance leaving out turning in faith towards God.

**Re: - posted by death2self (), on: 2006/11/2 12:50**

This is an interesting discussion.

In my own walk with the Lord, the work of repentance started with outer sin, such things as smoking, television, etc. and is now fixated on "my ways" (will I give the Lord all of my time, all money, all of my hopes, etc.). There has to be a real crucification of the flesh, resulting in sanctification. This is immensely more painful than cutting off the outer sins. Many of them I frankly didn't like so it wasn't painful to have Jesus purge something I didn't want any more.

Through his blood, Jesus wants to heal our hearts from all the effects of sin.

This is what Brother Seymour preached at Azusa Street and I believe it to be scriptural. Many modern pentecostals appear to have glossed over this and there's a wonderful book that Brother Greg posted sometime back but it's available here (<http://www.parbarwestward.org/frmRejected.htm>) The Rejected Blessing

**Re: AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?, on: 2006/11/2 17:41**

JEFF wrote

Quote:

-----and how He told me to live in the kingdom with my whole heart, not just my head, which I've found is a huge key to overcoming sin.  
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BRAD wrote

Quote:

-----Our Baptism into His death and raised into His new life should not be contaminated with unbelief or arguments of "I can't stop sinning, it's too hard". These are lies that are contrary to the truth. I never knew before that moment that I was freed from sin through Baptism (Romans ch 6). **That lack of truth in my life was a source of great struggles and self condemnation for years.**

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(emphases mine)

CANDITA wrote

Quote:

-----I finally found someone who believes as I do! I sat at my computer and cried. I'm not a weirdo after all!.... Another thing that I'm not hearing in the preaching of the Gospel, is Maintenance - How to Maintain the Salvation that you receive.... nobody tells you HOW to maintain what Jesus has given you.

ANDREW STROM writes

Quote:

-----It is simply Romans Chapters 5 - 8, and I do not believe that any lesser state is acceptable at all. -In fact, it is totally unacceptable for any believer.

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Recently, in answer to having been prayed for by a brother (met on SI), the Lord revealed to me I'd been believing a lie... .. not the lies referred to by Brad, but nevertheless a spiritual lie. It seems to be multi-faceted, but I am fairly swiftly identifying it's facets and tentacles. I can feel the difference this is making, particularly in my thinking, and I'm feeling literally *lighter* (less burdened), as I deal with what the Lord brings to my attention.

Andrew, I really DO want to talk about *renunciation* of sin.

I am very happy to have your contribution about deep repentance, but apart from healing (which you don't mention, which has also been a large part of my own deliverances), I believe that a lack of *decisiveness* - an aspect bound to tie into true renunciation where renunciation is necessary - is also part of why victory over sin can be evasive.

**Re:AFTER REPENTANCE, WHAT? or IS REPENTANCE ENOUGH?, on: 2006/11/4 14:59**

Here is a link to Vine's elucidation of 'renounce'.

([http://www.blueletterbible.org/tmp\\_dir/choice/1162670219-2431.html](http://www.blueletterbible.org/tmp_dir/choice/1162670219-2431.html)) [http://www.blueletterbible.org/tmp\\_dir/choice/1162670219-2431.html](http://www.blueletterbible.org/tmp_dir/choice/1162670219-2431.html)

**Re: - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/11/4 15:20**

Recently in my own spiritual walk I have realized a great deal on this topic. I've had a problem with repenting from one sin, turning away from it and walking straight into another sin. Whether it be from jealousy into bitterness, from lust into judgemental attitude... Of course I'm sure part of this is that God wants to show me just how wicked I am at the core... but also I think it has a lot to do with a certain parable Jesus told.

Luke 11:24-26 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

The key for me ending this cycle was Philipians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—*if anything is excellent or praiseworthy*—think about such things.

Particularly, I found that I need to have a heart of praise towards God. Repentance is not enough, we have to take proactive measures to fill our hearts with those true and noble things. Sweeping up isn't enough, we have to restock the shelves, put in new furniture, get rid of the TV (literally) and make it a fit dwelling for Jesus. Then if any other devils try to re-enter, they'll find it jam packed with the heavenly host and run away screaming!

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/11/4 16:25**

Luke 11:24-26 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

This house was not owned by Christ and run by the Holy Spirit. The owner had to keep cleaning the house, working hard but never able to attain a clean house.

When these 8 spirit got to my house, Jesus was the life of this temple and the Holy Spirit was at the front door answering all terrorists activities, they all fled. The House is always perfect and absolutely without spot or wrinkle.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2006/11/4 18:27**

Quote:

-----Being "FILLED" with the Spirit happens to everybody at salvation.  
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I don't believe this is true, and many reputable ministers would disagree with you. If this was the case, why did Jesus tell the apostles to tarry in Jerusalem for the Baptism of the Spirit? Were they not converted before that? DL Moody sought the Baptism of the Spirit...and was filled. Ravenhill also spoke of being filled with the Spirit as being separate from conversion (though not with the obligatory tongues). Speaking in tongues doesn't mean you're saved, nor does *not* speaking in tongues mean you're *not* saved. But, there is most certainly a filling of the Spirit for those who seek and hunger. I don't get hung up on tongues, because for many, they are stumblingblock - but I will maintain that the Spirit's filling is an added endowment of power available for every hungry believer after his/her initial conversion. When I was filled, I spoke in tongues and was saturated with an intense wave of God's Holy fire. My entire walk changed; a fire in my heart was kindled, and I've never been the same since. Many others, all over the globe, experience the same occurrence each day. Should we cookie-cut tongues as the *only sign* of Spirit Baptism? I don't think so, for God is sovereign in all His doings. I believe a much better and surefire sign is purity and holiness in one's walk and the wisdom of praying in the Spirit. But let's not discount tongues either!

Beloved, you shouldn't make absolute statements about things that do not fit into your denomination's theology. There is just too much opposing evidence, too much scripture that indicates otherwise, too many holy men of God that would disagree with you, and too many genuine brothers and sisters who have *experienced* what you say is wrong or impossible. In these situations, and concerning these topics of controversy, I feel it is wiser to say, I "believe" such-and-such is not true. Because we know only in part.

"Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" (Acts 19:12)

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/11/5 2:49**

1Cr 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Salvation is Christ in you the Hope of Glory. We cannot call Jesus Lord unless the Holy Spirit is in us also.

You cannot receive something that you already have. Jhn 7:39 But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

It is Christ that baptizes us with and into the Holy Spirit, because we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jhn 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:11-14 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

We are sealed in Christ by the Holy

Spirit and the Holy Spirit is the only One that can teach us the new Birthed Spirit of Christ that is now our spirit. He the Holy Spirit the Christ promised to those that love Him. John 14:15-16 If ye love Me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;

We cannot have Christ and not have the Holy Spirit also, we are one with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Jesus Christ in the world and He, the Holy Spirit will not even speak of Himself or make Himself glorified, but Christ Only. He must come with the Spirit of Christ or salvation is not available.

John 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

They are spoken of being One in the same in the same person and you cannot have One without the Other.

God Himself in the Person of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

"In the Spirit", "Spirit of God", and the "Spirit of Christ", this is our salvation, a new creature.

2Cr 5:17 Therefore if any man in Christ, a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

You cannot be filled with something you are seeking or asking for. Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

This is not a command, but a completed prayer of Jesus Christ, satisfying filling: -accomplish, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

No second filling hear, we deny the filling by seeking.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: After repentance, what? or Is repentance enough?, on: 2006/11/5 15:23**

Quote:

-----You cannot receive something that you already have.

Phillip, I think you can receive more of it without being denial of the first filling. Isn't this self-evident by the fact we need to eat every day.... we didn't just get to be grown-ups on the first meal we ever had?

Quote:

-----but be filled with the Spirit; - Eph 5:18

I believe this is saying **be BEING filled**.... iow, a continuous condition of being filled by the Spirit and with the Spirit.

This accords with Paul's statement in Philippians 1:19, 20

**the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope**

A 'supply' is usually at worst intermittent, and at best *continuous*.

I am not suggesting the Holy Spirit leaves the born again believer, but that to be empowered for really effective service, the weight of exhortation from Paul is towards being filled more than once.

You can find this in the New Testament by looking at 'filled' with the Spirit, which is often talking about the apostles or mature believers.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/11/5 23:20**

At the answer of the prayer of Jesus Christ, we don't get part of the Holy Spirit, we either get all of Him or none of Him. The Holy Spirit is a Dove and will not force the believer over his will to be filled by His Dove leading presence. This is the same "will" we have which will commit sin and will not choose God, but God chastens those that are son's, that is God's will for His Children, be filled. WE get all of Christ and all of the Holy Spirit when we receive even God our Father.

Jhn 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Jhn 17:26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare : that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Be filled? How? Jhn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jhn 14:26 But the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jhn 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

By God the Father that abides with us also.

Jhn 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/11/8 16:14**

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit we were ALL baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

We can at least all agree that we ALL have the Holy Spirit when we are converted. If not then I'd need a refutation to 1 Cor 12:13.

Acts 5:32

"And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."