

2. Ideas drawn from these Scriptures

- a. Repentance is a turning back to the Lord
- b. Repentance is an admission that sin is wickedness against God
- c. Repentance is a bending of the head, a turning from stubbornness
- d. Repentance includes a sense of shame over sin
- e. Repentance is a forsaking of transgressions
- f. Repentance is a forsaking of wicked thoughts and actions
- g. Repentance is a turning from idols
- h. Repentance is a returning to the Lord with one's entire inner being (heart)
- i. Genuine inward repentance affects one's outward actions
- j. Repentance includes a deep sense of humiliation and grief, expressed outwardly in forms associated with such emotions (such as putting on sackcloth and ashes, or beating one's breast)
- k. Repentance includes a recognition of the senselessness of sin and its results, and of the depths of degradation to which sin can plunge a human being.
- l. Repentance is a change of direction of one's life
- m. Repentance is a recognition and confession of, together with a change of mind concerning, sin
- n. Repentance is a change of attitude toward Christian truth, especially the gospel
- o. Repentance is something granted by God (to Israel, to the Gentiles, to some men who oppose the truth)
- p. Repentance is a change of attitude from willful ignorance to recognition of the true God
- q. Repentance is a turning to God, accompanied by appropriate outward actions
- r. Repentance is an attitude that is at least partly brought about by God's kindness and forbearance and patience
- s. Repentance includes a making right of things that are wrong, motivated at least in part by godly sorrow
- t. Repentance is an initial turning from sins
- u. Repentance is a change of will from a previous crucial decision
- v. Repentance includes sorrow for sinful attitudes and actions
- w. Repentance is something to which God desires all sinners to come
- x. Repentance is a change of basic direction that cannot be brought about merely by severe threats or terrible punishments

3. Summary of the Doctrine

Repentance is that change wrought in the life of a sinner by which he turns away from sin. Being essentially a change of direction, it involves a change of view, a change of feeling, and a change of purpose. It therefore includes three elements:

- a. An intellectual element