

CALVARY BIBLE
CHAPEL
OUR STATEMENT OF
FAITH

“SALVATION”

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SO YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE AND READ THIS:

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OR EVEN BETTER (SENTENCE BY SENTENCE):

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SENTENCE #2 OF THE STATEMENT:

IT IS IN NO WAY, IN ITSELF, A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT CONDITION OF SALVATION.

SENTENCE #3:

THE SOLE CONDITION FOR RECEIVING ETERNAL SALVATION FROM HELL IS FAITH (TRUST) IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO DIED A SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH ON THE CROSS FOR MAN'S SIN AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

SENTENCE #4:

NO ACT OF OBEDIENCE, PRECEDING OR FOLLOWING FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, SUCH AS COMMITMENT TO OBEY, SORROW FOR SIN, TURNING FROM ONE'S SIN, BAPTISM, OR SUBMISSION TO THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST, MAY BE ADDED TO OR CONSIDERED AS A PART OF FAITH AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING ETERNAL SALVATION.

SENTENCE #5:

THIS SAVING TRANSACTION BETWEEN GOD AND THE SINNER IS SIMPLY THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF A FREE GIFT.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT:

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NOW, LET US EXAMINE SOME OF THESE SENTENCES.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT GIVES THREE WAYS IN WHICH REPENTANCE (“A CHANGED MIND”) IS USED...

- I. REPENTANCE IN A NON-SAVING WAY
- II. REPENTANCE IN A SAVING WAY
- III. REPENTANCE IN A SANCTIFYING WAY

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THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES
REPENTANCE (“A CHANGED
MIND”) IN A NON-SAVING
WAY.

HEBREWS 12:16-17

¹⁶ “LEST THERE BE ANY FORNICATOR, OR PROFANE PERSON, AS ESAU, WHO FOR ONE MORSEL OF MEAT SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT.

¹⁷ FOR YE KNOW HOW THAT AFTERWARD, WHEN HE WOULD HAVE INHERITED THE BLESSING, HE WAS REJECTED: FOR HE FOUND NO PLACE OF REPENTANCE, THOUGH HE SOUGHT IT CAREFULLY WITH TEARS.”

MATTHEW 21:28-32

- 28 "BUT WHAT THINK YE? A CERTAIN MAN HAD TWO SONS; AND HE CAME TO THE FIRST, AND SAID, SON, GO WORK TO DAY IN MY VINEYARD.
- 29 HE ANSWERED AND SAID, I WILL NOT: BUT AFTERWARD HE REPENTED, AND WENT.
- 30 AND HE CAME TO THE SECOND, AND SAID LIKEWISE. AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID, I GO, SIR: AND WENT NOT.
- 31 WHETHER OF THEM TWAIN DID THE WILL OF HIS FATHER? THEY SAY UNTO HIM, THE FIRST. JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT THE PUBLICANS AND THE HARLOTS GO INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD BEFORE YOU.
- 32 FOR JOHN CAME UNTO YOU IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND YE BELIEVED HIM NOT: BUT THE PUBLICANS AND THE HARLOTS BELIEVED HIM: AND YE, WHEN YE HAD SEEN IT, REPENTED NOT AFTERWARD, THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE HIM."

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II. THE NEW TESTAMENT
TEACHES REPENTANCE (“A
CHANGED MIND) IN A
SAVING WAY.

Acts 10:43

“To Him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”

Acts 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.”

III. THE NEW TESTAMENT
TEACHES REPENTANCE (“A
CHANGED MIND) IN A
SANCTIFYING WAY.

Hebrews 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.**”

THEREFORE, THE WORD AND CONCEPT OF REPENTANCE (“A CHANGED MIND”) ARE USED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- I. A NON-SAVING
- II. SAVING
- III. SANCTIFYING

THE ETYMOLOGY (ROOT MEANING) OF THE WORD “REPENTANCE”

METANOIA IS A GREEK COMPOUND WORD COMPRISED OF TWO WORDS: “META” (AFTER) AND “NOIA” (MIND).

REGARDING THE USE OF
METANOIA BY THE GREEKS
THEMSELVES, GERHARD KITTEL
SAYS,

*“FOR THE GREEKS METANOIA NEVER
SUGGESTS AN ALTERATION IN THE
TOTAL MORAL ATTITUDE, A
PROFOUND CHANGE IN LIFE’S
DIRECTION, A CONVERSION WHICH
AFFECTS THE WHOLE CONDUCT.”*

-THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT VOL. IV, PAGE 979.

ALL MUST REPENT TO BE SAVED.

LUKE 24:47

“AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.”

Acts 17:30

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent”

Acts 20:21

“testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT:

- a. REPENTANCE IS NOT MERE EMOTIONAL STRESS OR ANGUISH CAUSED BY SIN.
- b. REPENTANCE IS NOT SOMETHING ONE DOES IN A MERITORIOUS WAY TO SHOW SORROW OR CONTRITION FOR HIS SIN (*II COR. 7:10; EPH. 2:9*).
- c. REPENT AND REPENTANCE DOES NOT MEAN A CHANGE OF ACTION, A CHANGE OF LIFE, SORROW FOR SIN, A TURNING FROM SIN; ACTS OF PENANCE, EVEN A "WILLINGNESS" FOR A CHANGED LIFE, OR ANY OTHER ACTION ON THE SINNER'S PART SAVE FOR A CHANGED MIND.

RELATION OF REPENTANCE TO FAITH:

I Thess. 1:9, “*turn to God*” (faith) “*from idols*” (repentance). Both repentance and faith are required for salvation, but they occur simultaneously as two inseparable pairs of the same decision.

NOW, WHAT MUST A
PERSON KNOW AND DO
IN ORDER TO GO THE
HEAVEN?

THEY MUST KNOW,
UNDERSTAND, AND
BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. Christ/Messiah is God in the flesh.
2. This Christ died a physical death on a cross (substitution).
3. (In answer to the Gnostics) Christ was buried (proof of death).
4. Christ arose from the dead, physically.
5. Repentance and Receive, John 1:12.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 (Compare with Luke 24:44-47)

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you were saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

THESE ARE THE EXPLICIT FACTS ONE MUST BELIEVE IN ORDER TO BE SAVED. THEY MUST REPENT (CHANGED MIND) ABOUT THEIR SIN, THEIR INABILITY TO SAVE THEMSELVES, ABOUT WHO JESUS IS AND WHAT HE DID, AND IN FAITH, TRUST HIM AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR. THESE ARE, WITHOUT A DOUBT, NECESSARY FOR SALVATION.

FAITH

- Definitions:
 - General Definition: Confident trust
 - Religious Definition: Believing God

Genesis 15:6

“And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

KEY PASSAGE ON FAITH

Hebrews 11:6

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

FAITH IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION AND SUFFICIENT FOR SALVATION.

Romans 4:5

“But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

SAVING FAITH MUST HAVE A PERSONAL OBJECT

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Faith is...

1. Not merely intellectual assent
(e.g. Zane Hodges' view/The Crossless Gospel)



2. Not a leap into the dark

FAITH IS...

1. Complete reliance
2. Received by hearing God's Word

Romans 10:17

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

VARIOUS FALSE OPINIONS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN ORDER TO BE SAVED:

- Repent (change your life) and believe
- Believe and confess before men (Romans 10:8-10)
- Believe and surrender to God
- Believe and confess your sins
- Believe and pray

BELIEVE AND PRAY

- **ILLUSTRATION:** YOU ARE TIRED AND DECIDE TO TAKE A NAP DURING THE DAY. THE BED BELONGS TO YOUR ROOMMATE. YOU MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT ASK YOUR ROOMMATE, “MAY I REST ON YOUR BED?” BUT WHAT IS IT THAT GIVES YOU THE REST - ASKING TO USE THE BED, OR STRETCHING OUT ON IT? - THE LATTER! SAUL’S CONVERSION INCLUDED A PRAYER, TO BE SURE, BUT NOT A PRAYER REQUESTING SALVATION (ACTS 9:3-9).