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REPENTANCE

“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” There is no true repentance without godly sorrow over our sin. When we sin, it is not just against another person or a willful act we have done, we have sinned against God and His word. He is the one that we have ultimately hurt with our sin, not just another person or ourselves.

Salvation prayers have been watered down where many times people are never told they must repent from their sin before inviting Christ into their lives. Repentance means a change of heart, mind, will, and a decision not to do it anymore. It isn't simply an "I'm sorry." Anyone can be sorry. Are you sorrowful over your sin, or are you just sorry that you got caught?

You can tell if a person has truly repented if there is a change in their life. Notice the word "change." It means you aren't who you used to be.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***“Therefore if any man be in Christ [born again], he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”***

We have a new nature when we are born again. We no longer desire the old way, the sinful way of life. Everything seems new to us. We are "born again" like a new-born baby, and desire things that are of God. If one still desires everything that was sinful, they either are not born again, or they are in need of deliverance from the stronghold of sin. We must rely on what the scriptures say my friend. There will be a CHANGE in a person that has repented.