

# DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE

## I. God is said to repent in:

- A. Gen.6:6,7: God changing His policy; נָחַם, nacham.
- B. Amos.7:3,6.
- C. Ex.32:14.
- D. Judg.2:18.
- E. 1Sam.15:35.
- F. Ps.90:13.
- G. Jer.15:6; 42:10.

## II. Since God is immutable, He cannot change His mind. Therefore, we have an anthropopathism.

## III. Greek versus King James version.

- A. Μετανοέω, metanoëo: change your mind, repent; translated repent.
- B. Μεταμέλλομαι, metamellomai: change your emotion, regret; translated repent.

## IV. Since μετανοέω (metanoëo) and נָחַם (nacham) are transitive verbs, both must have a subject and object either stated or implied. Therefore, the subject changes his mind about the object.

- A. In Phase 1, the sinner is the subject and Christ is the object.
- B. In Phase 2, the believer is the subject and Bible Doctrine is the object.

## V. The verses where μετανοέω (metanoëo) is used in salvation, Mk.1:15; Mt.12:24,41; Lk.13:3,5; 15:7,10; 16:30,31; Act.17:30; 20:21; 26:20; Heb.12:17; 2Pet.3:9.

## VI. Salvation repentance, therefore, is a triangle of mental attitude concerning Christ, and is the same as faith in Christ, and is caused by the illuminating ministry of the Holy Spirit, 2Tim.2:25.

## VII. Μετανοέω (metanoëo) is used with believer's in Phase 2 in the following areas:

- A. Human good; dead works, Heb.6:1.
- B. Reversion recovery, Rev.2:5,16,22; 3:19; 2Cor.12:20.
- C. Recovery from carnality, 2Cor.12:21.

## VIII. The word μεταμέλλομαι (metamellomai) is mistranslated "repent", but means "regret", Mt.21:29,32; 27:3; 2Cor.7:8; Heb.7:21; Rom.11:29. Regretting has NO spiritual benefits for the believer or unbeliever.

- A. Regret of previous action.
- B. Emotional revolt.
- C. God has no regrets, Rom.11:29.
- D. The Father, Heb.7:21.
- E. No regret for exercising the Pastor-Teacher's authority, Rom.24; Act.20:21.

## IX. Areas of regret, 2Cor.7:8.

- A. The believer should have no regrets regarding previous thoughts or actions, Mt.21:29,32.
- B. Judas regretted under emotional revolt but went to hell, Mt.27:3.
- C. God has no regrets at saving man, Rom.11:29.
- D. The Father has no regrets about Christ's high priesthood, Heb.7:21.
- E. The apostle Paul had no regrets, 2Cor.7:8,9.