

What is godly repentance?

BY NATHAN LOWE
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To understand godly repentance, we must begin by defining what it is — and what it is not. The Bible uses two key words to describe repentance: the Hebrew word teshuvah, meaning “to return,” and the Greek word metanoia, meaning “to change one’s mind.” Together, these words paint a picture of a complete turning away from sin and a wholehearted return to God.

Repentance is more than feeling sorry for our mistakes. It involves a deep acknowledgment of



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sin, a genuine sorrow for having grieved God, and a determination to turn away from wrongdoing. The apostle Paul contrasts worldly sorrow and godly sorrow in 2 Corinthians 7:10: “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”

Worldly sorrow focuses on the consequences of sin — how it affects our reputation, relationships, or circumstances. It may lead to regret but not to lasting change. Godly sorrow, on the other hand, arises from a broken heart before God. It recognizes

the weight of sin and its offense against His holiness, leading us to humbly seek His mercy.

The Bible offers numerous examples of godly repentance. One of the most touching is King David’s response after being confronted about his sin with Bathsheba. In Psalm 51, David pours out his heart, acknowledging his guilt and pleading for God’s forgiveness: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions” (Psalm 51:1).

David’s prayer reflects the essence of godly repentance: a contrite heart that trusts in God’s mercy and desires restora-

tion.

True repentance is not just about changing behavior; it is about transforming the heart. When we repent, we surrender our will to God and allow Him to reshape us according to His purpose. This transformation begins with the work of the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of sin and draws us to Christ. As Jesus said in John 16:8, “When [the Spirit] comes, he will convict the world of sin and righteousness and judgment.”

In the next chapter, we will explore the heart of repentance and how it leads to a restored relationship with God.

Christ makes a difference

BY GEORGE W. SMITH
FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

There is no difference on Earth to compare with the change that Christ makes in one when he is born again. There are other things that make a lesser difference. Sickness makes a difference. A man is big, strong and healthy, then sickness comes, and the man wastes away until he is hardly recognizable.

Marriage makes a difference. A guy in college is dull, but then he marries a fine and brilliant woman, and that marriage changes the man for the better.

Time changes people, and many other things, but there is no change on Earth to compare with the change that Christ makes. The greatest change that can come to a man comes when he meets and surrenders to Christ. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation."

Consider some Bible characters and how they were changed by Christ. Peter was a rough fisherman, a cursing man, uneducated, a common everyday man. One day he said, "I have met the Messiah, and how wonderful He is; come and see Him."

Peter walked with Jesus for about three-and-one-half years. He brought joy to the Master at times, and disappointment other times.



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The night Jesus was on trial, Peter was found warming himself by the enemy’s fire. When called on to acknowledge himself as a disciple of Jesus, he denied that he ever knew Him. Jesus looked at Peter when He was led out to be crucified and that look broke Peter’s heart. The result was that he went out and wept bitterly.

Then later came Pentecost. A great crowd gathered. Who was the preacher? Simon Peter. 3,000 were saved that day. What a difference!

The same Jesus who changed Peter still changes people today. He can change each of us, if we will give Him a chance.

There are many others in the New Testament Christ changed, but none changed more than Paul. Filled with anger for Christians, he met Christ on the Damascus road. He came from rage against Christ and Christians to say, "God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of Christ."

Has Christ changed you? Then you can be His exhibit "A." You can say, "Listen, what He's done for others, He has done for me and He can do for you."

He can make a tremendous difference in your life. Come to Him! He waits with open arms. "Whosoever will may come."

Praying for the dead

BY DALE DEPOYSTER
WHY CATHOLIC?

If you are not familiar with the Catholic faith, praying for the dead might seem a little odd, and those who know we do pray for the dead might wonder why.

Okay, let’s go back to the book of 2 Maccabees. The Jewish nation was fighting for freedom from the Seleucid Empire (2 Maccabees: 12: 39-45). Around the year 163 B.C., some of the Jews went into battle wearing an amulet from a pagan temple that was acquired



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from an earlier conquest. Of course, Jewish law forbids wearing these. Judas and his men “turned to prayer, begging that the sin be blotted out for the fallen soldiers.”

After death, we continue existence, as revealed in the resurrection. The “refined in a furnace” and “nothing unclean shall enter it” (Rev.1, Rev.21) gives us great hope that prayers for the dead are necessary and needed. I know I am not perfect; sin is a constant battle with me and all of mankind. I have not led

a perfect life, and, since nothing unclean shall enter Heaven, I suspect I will be spending time in Purgatory, and prayers will be appreciated for my quick release. “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032).

“Let us help and com-

memorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.” - Saint John Chrysostom (A.D. 347-407)

You get the picture, praying for the dead has been necessary since the Old Testament. I sure hope those Jewish soldiers are resting in heaven! Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!

CHURCH SERVICES

MCGRADY CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST
Sunday School 10 a.m. Services at 11 a.m. Bro. Billy Renfrow. 270-256-2311.

NEW HARMONY UNITED BAPTIST
New Harmony United Baptist Church has services the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m., the third Saturday at 7 p.m. and following Sunday at 11 a.m. Bro. Jason Webb, pastor.

NEW HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH
Come worship with us at New Harvest Baptist Church, 815 N. Main St., Caneyville, has Bible study Sunday School 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m.; adult choir practice at 5:30 p.m., evening worship service at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, “Operation Comfort” at 10 a.m., all quilters, crocheters, knitters welcome. On Wednesday, Youth worship at 6:30 p.m., and prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE CHURCH
4078 Falls of Rough Road, Caneyville, Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a. m. Tuesday Night Intercessory Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

day Night Worship, Bible Study, & Youth Outreach: 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE GENERAL BAPTIST
New Hope General Baptist Church at Sadler has Sunday School every week at 9:30 a.m. with church service at 11 a.m. Also services on the Saturday before the second Sunday at 7 p.m. Bro. Neil Carnes, pastor.

NEW HORIZON CHURCH
New Horizon Church — A Global Methodist Church Fellowship, located at 1000 Cave Mill Rd. in Leitchfield holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. For more

information, call 270-317-2597.

NEW LIFE APOSTOLIC UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
New Life Apostolic United Pentecostal Church is at 510 N. Clinton, Leitchfield. James Thornton, Pastor. Sunday morning service at 10 a.m., Sunday evening service at 6 p.m., and the mid-week service is held on Wed. at 7 p.m. If you should need a ride, please call (in advance) 270-200-1463.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on Ky. 79 North has regular services each Sunday. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

NEW LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
New Life Assembly of God Church is located at 47 Embury Acres Dr. in Leitchfield. Pastor Tony Redmon. Sunday school

at 10 a.m., Sunday morning praise and worship at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

NOTHING FANCY HOLINESS CHURCH

Nothing Fancy Holiness Church will have service every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. James Fletcher, preacher. Located 11

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EMPLOYMENT
Mann Lake, Ltd. seeks Plant Human Resources Business Partner in Clarkson, KY. Qualified candidates must have a Master's degree in Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Business Administration, or related; 2 years of progressive human resources experience in a manufacturing, production, or plant environment; knowledge of artificial intelligence as it relates to automation in HR, including implementation of AI programs, reports, and other intelligent data needs. Hybrid work benefit available. Interested candidates should submit a resume & cover letter to skip.bolton@mannlakeltd.com

EMPLOYMENT
Distribution System Laborer and Meter Reader
The Grayson County Water District is currently seeking qualified candidates for the positions of Distribution System Laborer and Meter Reader. These positions will provide superior customer service to Grayson County Water members and the public. Candidates must accurately and efficiently address customer inquiries and requests. Candidates must be a high school graduate with a desirable four years' experience meeting and dealing with the public. Two years' experience in the utility environment is a plus. Grayson County Water offers a competitive benefits package including a 401K retirement plan, medical, dental, vision and life insurance. Starting hourly pay for both positions is \$23.38. All interested parties should go to our website at www.graysonwater.com for information on how to apply. Also, feel free to call (270) 259-2917 or stop by the office at 21 Shull White Rd., Leitchfield, KY 42754 if you have any questions. Deadline for submission is April 18th, 2025. Grayson County Water District is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.

LEGAL NOTICE
To satisfy delinquent accounts, the contents of storage units #57, #114, #139, and #170 will be sold on April 11, 2025, at 8:30 AM at EZ Self Storage, 1402 Brandenburg Rd., Leitchfield, KY. Weather permitting. Terms are cash. EZ Self Storage reserves the right to bid. This notice is pursuant to KRS Chapter 359, Section 4. If an account is settled prior to the date of sale, the sale will not be conducted, and no notice of cancellation will be announced.

LEGAL NOTICE
SURPLUS PROPERTY AUCTION NOTICE
The City of Leitchfield will be listing the following declared surplus online with www.govdeals.com:
2014 Dodge Charger V8 Hemi and a 2008 Ford Crown Vic The auction will be active on www.govdeals.com beginning on April 15, 2025 until April 25, 2025. Visit www.govdeals.com for terms and conditions of auction.
*Chief David Riley
Leitchfield Police Dept.*

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF LEITCHFIELD 2024 DELINQUENT TAX LIST
The list of 2024 delinquent tax filings will be available April 1st, 2025 for public inspection at www.leitchfield.ky.gov
Taxpayers will have until April 15th, 2025 to pay delinquent taxes before the list is published.
If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 270-259-4034

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The City of Leitchfield Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing in regard to the following request along with their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 4/14/2025; 5:30 p.m. (CST) at Leitchfield City Hall, 515 South Main Street. The hearing will be for the following:
CU-25-007
Owner: Bratcher & Farris Inc
Applicant: Bratcher & Farris Inc
Location: Vacant lot between 204 & 208 Kelly St. Leitchfield, KY
Request: Condominium/Town Home
Questions or concerns should be directed to Tyler Harrell, Zoning Administrator, (270)-259-6363 at Leitchfield City Hall.

LEGAL NOTICE
I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Courts, hereby give notice that the Settlements listed below have been filed in my office and any exceptions thereto must be filed before the hearing on 5-7-25 at 11:00 a.m.
ESTATE OF: Harrel Edwin Allen; FIDUCIARY: Alton Cannon; ATTORNEY: Alton Cannon, P.O. Box 427, Leitchfield, KY 42755
ESTATE OF: Gathel Allen; FIDUCIARY: Alton Cannon; ATTORNEY: Alton Cannon, P.O. Box 427, Leitchfield, KY 42755
ESTATE OF: Gladys Darlene Allen; FIDUCIARY: Alton Cannon; ATTORNEY: Alton Cannon, P.O. Box 427, Leitchfield, KY 42755

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LEGAL NOTICE
I, Stacie Blain, Clerk of the Grayson Circuit/District Court, hereby give notice that administration has been granted in the Estates named below. All persons having claims against these estates shall present them verified, according to the law to the administrator or executor as named below at the address as shown no later than six (6) months after the date of this publication.
ESTATE OF: Paula Faye Chisolm, 509 Bradshaw Drive, Leitchfield, KY 42754; FIDUCIARY: Christopher Michael Chisolm, 10333 Owensboro Rd., Falls of Rough, KY 40119; ATTORNEY: Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754
ESTATE OF: Karen Elaine Fulkerson, 320 Carrier St, Clarkson, KY 42726 ;FIDUCIARY: Holly McCray, 200 Skees Rd, Big Clifty, KY 42712; Johnathan Fulkerson, 70 Skees Rd., Big Clifty, KY 42712; ATTORNEY : Thomas Goff, 53 Public Square, Leitchfield, KY 42754
ESTATE OF: Dewey R. Bratcher, 248 Bates Rd., Caneyville, KY 42721; FIDUCIARY: Shela Bratcher, 248 Bates Rd., Caneyville, KY 42721; ATTORNEY: Joseph Harris, P.O. Box 26, Leitchfield, KY 42755

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ESTATE OF: Amy Jane Duncan, 701 Sunbeam Rd., Lot 16, Leitchfield, KY 42754; FIDUCIARY: Bradley Thomas Duncan, 701 Sunbeam Rd., Lot 16, Leitchfield, KY 42754; ATTORNEY: Charles Mattingly, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, KY 40143