

PERSONAL REPENTANCE:

Hebrews 12:1-2

1. Suitcase

2. Backpack

3. Book bag

4. Essentials Kit

5. Jewelry Bag

Psalm 32:3-5:

3 When I kept silent, my bones became brittle
from my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night Your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was drained as in the summer's heat. Selah

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to You
and did not conceal my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and You took away the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 51

16 You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it;
You are not pleased with a burnt offering.
17 The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit.
God, You will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

Godly Living in a Godless Culture

The Joy of Repentance

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REPENTANCE:

WHAT?:

WHY?:

The outcome of Biblical repentance is JOY.

WHO?:

Job 36:9-11; Psalm 7:1-13; Ezekiel 18:31-32, 33:10-11

Peter: Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19,
Paul: Acts 17; Acts 26

Paul: 2 Cor 7,12

John: 1 John 1

Jesus: Revelation 2 & 3

Repentance IS for believers!

1 John 1:5-10

CORPORATE REPENTANCE:

Nehemiah and Ezra

PSALM 51:1-13

What it means...	The process to follow...
<p>¹ Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love;</p>	<p>Recognizing God's Grace, Love, Compassion: and admitting that my sin is really "rebellion" (as I have chosen my way over God's...)</p>
<p>² Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.</p>	<p>... I request complete removal of my <u>rebellion</u> ...only God can wash & cleanse I am guilty... it is MY sin</p>
<p>³ For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me.</p>	<p>I am accountable and aware of my sin (Holy Spirit convicts of sin)</p>
<p>⁴ Against You—You alone—I have sinned and done this evil in Your sight. So You are right when You pass sentence; You are blameless when You judge.</p>	<p>Ultimately, all sin is against God – He establishes the standard of right and wrong; He has the authority/right to judge... and is right to do so</p>
<p>⁵ Indeed, I was guilty when I was born; I was sinful when my mother conceived me.</p>	<p>Recognition that all sin – all are born into sin...</p>
<p>⁶ Surely You desire integrity in the inner self, and You teach me wisdom deep within.</p>	<p>Our response to God is to be "heart-felt" – at our very core, not a surface "act"</p>
<p>⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.</p>	<p>As with the blood of a sacrifice, sprinkled with hyssop, we are cleansed by Christ's blood.</p>
<p>⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.</p>	<p>Replace the "crush" of conviction with the joy of forgiveness and cleansing</p>
<p>⁹ Turn Your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt.</p>	<p>Forget my sins; remove my guilt (as if never there)</p>
<p>¹⁰ God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me.</p>	<p>I can only be pure if you make me so... I need your power to remain "steadfast"</p>
<p>¹¹ Do not banish me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.</p>	<p>Don't give up on me... don't sent me away... don't withdraw from me</p>
<p>¹² Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and give me a willing spirit.</p>	<p>Bring me back to the joy of being in right relationship; make me want to serve You more</p>
<p>¹³ Then I will teach the rebellious Your ways, and sinners will return to You.</p>	<p>I will be your ambassador... sinners will be saved</p>
	<p>Acknowledge how great God's love and compassion are... and the break in relationship you have caused</p>
	<p>Request forgiveness & cleansing</p>
	<p>See the reality of your situation (the truth of your sin)</p>
	<p>Accept that God is right to judge your sin</p>
	<p>Own your sinfulness</p>
	<p>Genuinely see your sin as God sees it; let Him show you truth</p>
	<p>Request cleansing/purification</p>
	<p>Request release from guilt feelings</p>
	<p>Request removal of actual guilt</p>
	<p>Request clean heart and transformed spirit – fresh start</p>
	<p>Trust God to maintain relationship</p>
	<p>Request/Expect Joy & a desire to remain in relationship</p>
	<p>Proclaim the gospel (the Kingdom will grow!)</p>