

THE NATURE OF MAN/REPENTANCE OF A MAN TOWARD GOD

Our nature contains an inclination toward sin. We become a slave to sin by making the choice to sin. When a person makes the choice to ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit and fails to cooperate with Spirit led saving faith in Jesus, he falls under condemnation and the wrath of God. John 3:36

The natural man under the influence of his own consciousness knowing good and evil can make choices to do what is right. However, the natural man cannot please God because only God is good. Only what a new creation in Christ does that is initiated by the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit is good. You must be born again. Only new creations can do what produces eternally good consequences.

Romans 1:12-16; 12:1,2 Hebrews 11:6

No one born again continuously lives in bondage to sin. 1 John 3:6-10

Conviction of the Holy Spirit in the new creation brings correction because the Spirit of God indwells all true believers. Romans 8:5-11

True believers experience the disciplinary hand of God and should not reject His hand. Hebrews 12:5-12

True believers still struggle against sin in their flesh, but there is a remedy for sin.

1 John 1:7-10

Confession, repentance, and renewal of the mind is part of our responsibility in making the good choice and maintaining God's Parental forgiveness and our restoration in fellowship.

THE REPENTANCE OF A MAN TOWARD GOD

Repentance from sin and saving faith in Jesus to remove our sin and replace sin with righteous actions is the foundation for new birth in Christ.

Christ calls us to follow Him and give up our sin. James 4:8-10

Christ calls us to be changed by the renewing of our minds. Romans 12:1,2

Add to your saving faith righteous actions initiated by the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit.

2 Peter 1:3-11

Repentance from sin is the conviction and the determination that Christ is willing and able to make you a new creation. You must be born again by the resurrected Jesus. 1 Peter 1:3

Repentance from sin is the conviction that sin's consequence is death and the determination to stop the rule of sin in my life by walking in the rule of the Spirit. Romans 8:1-17

There must be genuine repentance from the rule of sin in your life before the new birth is given. Be willing to produce fruit that is consistent with repentance. Matthew 3:8

Be prepared to let your life prove your change of heart. Acts 3:19

Repentance is a prerequisite for new birth. Repentance is a continued requirement for living life in the power of the Spirit of God. Revelation 3:19

Do not lose heart when God rebukes you and disciplines you. Endure, repent, and be disciplined by your Heavenly Father. Hebrews 12:6-11

The born again new creation in Christ will live by faith. This means we will strive to be obedient to the commands of Christ even under hardship and discipline.

Romans 1:16-18 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

