

What is repentance unto life?

Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads to life*" (NASB; Acts 11:18b).

Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (NASB; Acts 2:37-38).

For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading to* salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death (NASB; II Cor. 7:10). See verse 11 for the seven-fold character of the godly sorrow producing repentance.

Repentance unto life is the change of heart whereby out of a genuine grief and hatred of our sin, we turn unto God with the earnest intent to strive after new obedience.

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