

~~TURN FROM SIN~~

Be careful! This is not a condition of eternal salvation. Repentance is the translation of the Greek word "metanoia." The literal meaning of "metanoia" is "a change of mind."

It is really rather foolish, meaningless and unscriptural to talk about a man **turning from sin** in order to qualify for salvation. That would be like taking a bottle full of milk and turning with your hand and saying that the bottle was turning *from* its milk. No matter which way you turn the bottle, the milk is still inside; and no matter how much a sinner turns, sin is still part of him and *within* him. We do not want to treat sin lightly, but neither do we want to demand of an unbeliever that which is **impossible** for him to perform. Do not pervert the gospel of Christ. (Galatians 1:6-8, Jeremiah 17:9)

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To insist upon a repentance that in any sense includes a demand for a change of conduct either toward God or man is to add an element of works or human effort to faith. Let's not become tools of the devil to add works to salvation in a subtle way by **misuse of repentance**. Let's give out a clear message! (I Corinthians 14:8) Dr. Hank Lindstrom of Bibleline Ministries

Sometimes **works** take the form of **reformation**. Well-meaning evangelists have made men believe that if they *quit their sinning* or *turn from sin* they will be saved. **Remember:** You don't get *better* to be saved; you get saved to get *better*. You can't get *better* until you do get saved. Dr. Curtis Hudson