

## A Contrite and Repentant Heart

Introduction In order to be saved, one must first be lost.

Opening Illustration –

1. What is true repentance (change one's mind) to God?
  - a. Guilt and sorrow over sin. 2 Corinthians 7:10; Isaiah 66:2; Matthew 13:10-15
  - b. Hatred of and turning from sin. Psalm 119:128
  - c. Turning to God. Psalm 51:10
  - d. Appeal to mercy. Psalm 51:1; Hebrews 11:6
2. The effect of repentance!
  - a. God blesses repentance. Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 34:18
  - b. God repents in kind. Jeremiah 18:1–11; Jonah 3:5-10
3. Is repentance necessary for salvation?
  - a. Sin defiles the person. Matthew 15:10-11; Matthew 15:16-20
  - b. We are commanded to repent. Acts 17:30-31;
  - c. Repent to have your sins forgiven. Luke 24:44-49; Acts 2:36-41; Acts 3:19
  - d. Repent to receive mercy from God. Jeremiah 24:7; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:1-14

Closing Illustration –

Closing Thought