

## Episode #415: The Meaning of Metanoia

I. I believe that the word “*metanoia*” in Greek sets forth an important principle for every believer today.

II. Repentance.

A. John the Baptist preached “repentance.” Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8.

B. John’s Baptism was unto repentance. Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3.

III. Repentance does not bring salvation.

A. Many use these verses to say that we are saved when we repent and are baptized! Or else repent and believe.

B. They then go on to say that we must be sorry for our sins (by shedding tears, etc.) when we believe or we might not really have believed. This is an unnecessary burden and simply not true!

C. The gospel is contained in I Corinthians 15:1-5. We must know who the One is Who died for our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead, John 20:30-31. It is by believing that we are saved, not by repenting, or by being water baptized.

D. Repentance is brought about by Godly sorrow. II Corinthians 7:10.

1. Godly sorrow cannot bring repentance if godly sorrow IS repentance.

2. The word “repentance” comes from an old English word meaning “to do your penance again.”

3. Translating “*metanoia*” by “repentance” is the worst translation in the New Testament. A.T. Robertson, quoting his father-in-law John A Broadus. (I do not agree with Robertson’s suggestion for translating it, however.)

III. “Repentance” is “*metanoia*.”

A. “*Meta*” means “after.” “*Noia*” means “mind.”

B. If I prepare to go on a picnic, but then change my mind due to bad weather, my aftermind is not the same as my foremind. But *metanoia* MEANS “to be afterminded.” In other words, to make up my mind what I will do in advance.

IV. Next time we will study more about what is repentance, *metanoia*.