

Will You Glory in Your Redeemer?

Will you count the cost? Will you die to self?

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:3

The frailty of our flesh and sin remain, *but* Christ our loving Lord, Shepherd King, and Redeemer reigns! We are commanded to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, with reverential, humble, holy, grateful, obedient submission to Christ our King.

Five Steps of Repentance

Love Self?

1. Revere King Jesus above all! Fix your eyes upon Christ. Rejoice in *Him!* He is the Lord of all, He loved you, died in your place, took the penalty you deserved, credited you with His righteousness and gave you the Holy Spirit! Be thankful. Humble yourself before *Him*. Live for *Him*. Love *Him* above all. Serve *Him*. Trust and obey *Him* and put all of your hope in *Him* and *His* power.

2. Identify your sin as sin! Identify your sin, *do not* identify with it, nor justify it. Abhor it. Reject it. Repudiate it. Refuse to repeat it. Mortify it. Believe that all of your sin is against God. Ask God to help you see your sin as He sees your sin. Ask Him to search you and try you to reveal any wicked way in you. Ask Him to grant you true godly sorrow to mourn your sin because you adore Christ above all else.

3. Confess your sin! Confess your sins to God and to one another. Call your sin what it is, sin. Name it, don't explain it or clean it up, confess it. Pray for one another, that you may be healed. God is faithful and just to forgive you your sins and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

4. Put off and put on! Put off sin. Put to death what is earthly in you. Turn from your sin to your Savior. Die to self. Stop it. Put on Christ. Love Him. Live for Christ. Put on as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts. Look to God by faith and ask Him to have mercy upon you and grant you His grace to repent of your sin. Believe He has and He will.

5. Pursue holiness! Passionately pursue holiness because of the love of Christ and your love for Him. Always keep the gospel in view. Love like Christ. Live in Christ. Die like Christ. Delight in Christ. Glory in your Redeemer!

We walk in Christ according to the Spirit,
not according to the flesh!

Sin remains, but
Christ reigns!

Partial listing of Scriptures for Five Steps of Repentance: Jn. 16:7-15, Gal. 2:20, Col. 3:1-3, 1 Pet. 5, Col. 3:5, Rom. 8:1, Js. 5:16, 1 Jn. 1:9, Matt. 5:3-7, Col. 3:12, Acts 11:18, Rom. 5:1-5, Col. 3:12-17, Phil. 2:1-18, Phil. 3:7-11, and more.

Colossians 3:1-17 ESV

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Romans 5:1-5 ESV

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.