# **Pentecost (Part 3): Marks of Repentance**

Acts 2:34–40

# Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to Acts 2:34–40?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

# Context

In the Bible, God’s forgiveness of our sin is linked to genuine repentance. After the descent of the Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost, Peter preached his first sermon, a scripture-filled, Christ-centered proclamation. The audience was gripped and were ready to respond to the sermon? What was required of them?

# The Question

What are the marks of genuine repentance?

# Bible Verse

**Acts 2:34–40 CSB**

For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says: **The Lord declared to my Lord,** **‘Sit at my right hand**

**until I make your enemies your footstool.’**

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!”

# Take-Home Truth

## Repentance is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 3:19, Luke 13:1–5, Dt 30:1ff., Jer 17:8, Ps 32:5)

### **Repentance is “a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.”**

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **is when an individual attains a divinely provided new understanding of the offensiveness of their sin toward God and feels compelled to change their beliefs and behavior in a radical turning to God.**

### Repentance is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nor a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Hos 5:6; 6:6, Is 1:11ff., Jer 6:20; 7:4ff.; 14:12; Ps 50:10)

### Repentance involves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:21)

* **Acts 20:21 (CSB)** 21 I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

### Repentance involves an altered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Lk 15:17, 18, Ro 6:17, 18, 2 Co 7:10, 11)

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### Repentance includes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

St. Peter: ‘Him hath God exalted as Prince and Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins’ (Ac 5:31).

# Pray

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Grant, Almighty God, that as you urge us daily to repentance, and each of us is also stung with the consciousness of his own sins—O grant we may not grow stupid in our vices, nor deceive ourselves with empty flatteries, but that each of us may, on the contrary, carefully examine his own life, and then with one mouth and heart confess that we are all guilty, not only of light offenses, but of such as deserve eternal death, and that no other relief remains for us but your infinite mercy, and that we may so seek to become partakers of that grace once offered to us by your Son, and is daily offered to us by his gospel, that, relying on him as our Mediator, we may not cease to entertain hope even in a thousand deaths, until we are gathered into that blessed life, which has been procured for us by the blood of your only Son. Amen.

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