

Repentance

Mormons and Repentance

The Miracle of Forgiveness". Latter Day Saint Woman: "This book, while it is not considered official; is quoted by most of the official manuals. Also, it is the book I turned to for help while I was LDS.

Why is repentance so important to me? The most treasured "gift" I desired my entire life was the forgiveness of my sins. In anguish over my sins I turned to the book mentioned above written by my prophet Spencer W. Kimball. Here are some of the words I clung to, and the reason I never found my hearts desire:

"It depends upon you whether or not you are forgiven, and when. It could be weeks, it could be years, **it could be centuries** before that happy day when you have the positive assurance that the Lord has forgiven you. **That depends on your humility, your sincerity, your works, your attitudes.**" (Pages 324-325)

Important for Mormons: Part of the process of repentance is never doing that sin again.

What the Bible Says about Repentance

- **Repentance as Conversion:** Matthew 3 and John the Baptizer
- Matthew 21

- **Repentance as life of Christian:** Not just once! 1 John 1:8-9, Romans 7

- **Repentance as Sorrow over sin:** 2 Cor 7:8ff Perfect love not about punishment, 1 John 4:18. We don't want our children to be sorry they got caught, but sorrow over our actions.
- **Who repents?** Acts 5:31; Acts 11:18. Luke 13 Sorrow over Jerusalem because they refused to repent
- **Does God repent?** Jonah 3:10; 1 Chronicles 21:15

Jonah 3 and Matthew 12:41

- What effect does repentance have upon my life?
- What is God's attitude regarding repentance?

Life of a Christian is: 1) Prayer, 2) Meditation on God's Word, 3) Struggle.