

## Part 2

# Biblical Understanding

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:8-9

## Chapter 5: What About Repentance?

### Up For Discussion:

1. Are works required for salvation? (Ephesians 2:8-9) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is repentance required for salvation? (Page 75) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Should we say “repent” when giving the gospel? (Pages 80-82) \_\_\_\_\_

### Crucial Point:

Too many people believe that works are not required for salvation, that repentance is required for salvation, but that works are required for repentance. They, however, miss the obvious contradiction in their belief system. If you need to do good works to repent, and repentance is needed to be saved, then you need to do good works to be saved.

We need to be very clear when giving the gospel. If the word “repent” is going to confuse somebody about the gospel, then do what the book of John did and leave it out. The book of John was written so people would believe in Jesus and receive life. (John 20:31) If that book doesn’t use the word “repent,” then we can conclude it is possible to give the gospel without it.

If you are witnessing to someone and he asks about repentance, then explain what repentance is according to the Bible. However, if you are just using the word “repent” and don’t explain what “repent” means, then they are going to add their own definition to “repent.” Chances are, they will be adding works to the gospel. A good rule when giving the gospel is “Don’t use it if it confuses.”

### Make It Personal:

1. Do you make sure that every aspect of the gospel presentation is clear? Do you consider what people **might think you mean**, or do you just assume that they understand? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did you use to think that “repent” meant? \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment:**

Find and write down 5 references where God repented.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Memorize:**

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Genesis 6:6-8** And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.