**A CALL TO REPENTANCE:**

**“It's A Must”**

Scripture: [Matt. 3: 1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.61.3.1-61.3.2). Now in those days, John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, REPENT for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Repentance: GK. “to radically change one’s thinking”: refers to an event in which an individual attains a divinely provided new understanding of their behavior and feels compelled to change that behavior and begin anew relationship with God ([Heb 6:1](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.79.6.1); [Acts 20:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.65.20.21)). Turning away from a willful practice of sin.

**I. GOD’s Desire**

a. For Everyone to Be Saved: [Ezekiel 18:23](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.26.18.23); [Eze. 18:32](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.26.18.32); [Eze. 33:11](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.26.33.11)

b. His Patience: [2 Pet 3:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.82.3.9); [Ro. 2:4](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.66.2.4); [Isa 65:2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.23.65.2); [Rev. 2:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.87.2.21)

**II. Requirement for Fellowship with God**

a. Submit & Draw: [James 4:7-10](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.80.4.7-80.4.10); [1 Peter 5:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.81.5.6);

 [Hebrews 7:25](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.79.7.25)

b. Be Ye Holy: [1 Pet.1:14-16](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.81.1.14-81.1.16); [James 1:21-23](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.80.1.21-80.1.23); [Titus 2:11-15](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.77.2.11-77.2.15) ; [Phil.2: 12-18](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.71.2.12-71.2.18); [Hebrews 10:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.79.10.21)

c. Righteousness: [Ephesians 4: 17–24](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.70.4.17-70.4.24)

 1. [1 Corinthians 1:26–31](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.67.1.26-67.1.31)

 2. [Titus 3:1–8](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.77.3.1-77.3.8)

d. Obedience: [John 14:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.64.14.15); [John 14:21](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.64.14.21); [2 John 6](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.84.1.6);

 [Acts 5:29](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.65.5.29)

\* [2 Kings 17:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.12.17.13); [1 Th. 1:9](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.73.1.9); [Acts. 14: 15](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.65.14.15)

**III. Involves Turning From Sin**

a. Sorrow for Sin: [Ps. 51:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.19.51.17); [2Cor. 7:8-10](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.68.7.8-68.7.10); [Psalm 34:18](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.19.34.18)

b. Confession of Sin: [Luke 15:17-19](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.63.15.17-63.15.19); [Ps. 51: 1-3](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.19.51.1-19.51.3); [Hos. 14: 1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.28.14.1-28.14.2)

c. Forsaking Sins: [Ezekiel 14:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.26.14.6); [Isa. 2:19-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.23.2.19-23.2.20); [Ro. 1: 18-26](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible.66.1.18-66.1.26)