



# REPENTANCE

## *the posture of grace*

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Luke 15:11-32, Psalm 51

### I. INTRODUCTION

### II. AFFIRMATIONS

- A. Grace (repentance) is the opposite of pride and works.
  
- B. Repentance is a gift of God's grace. WCF, XVII, 1 "*Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace.*"
  
- C. Repentance is the door to spiritual progress and change.
  
- D. The necessary pre-condition of repentance is self-knowledge.

*"Truly it is an evil to be full of faults, but it is still a greater evil to be full of them and to be unwilling to recognize them." Pascal*





- C. I need God's help

**V. THE NINETY/TEN RULE.**

**VI. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**VII. ELEMENTS OF REPENTANCE.**

- A. Awakening
- B. Honesty
- C. Sense of need, shame and loss
- D. Remembrance



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- E. Admission, acknowledgement and confession
- F. The heart of repentance—God-centered turning; return to God
- G. Recognition of no rights or claims before God.
- H. The Father's attitude and reinstatement.

## VIII. CONCLUSION