

Getting God Right

(Jonah 3:4-10)



John 17:3

³ This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.



To be right with God, I must repent.



Importance of Repenting:

1. A necessary condition for salvation.

Acts 16:31

³¹ They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Acts 17:30

30 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent.



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3. Necessary for sanctification.

I Thessalonians 1:8

- 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

I Thessalonians 1:9

- 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.



**To be right about God, I must understand
He doesn't change.**

Malachi 3:6

6 “For I, the LORD, do not change;
therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not
consumed.

Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

I Samuel 15:29

²⁹ Also the Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind.”

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

“Whatever character God has now, He’s had it from eternity past, and He will have it forever. Whatever power God has, He’s had that power from eternity past and He’s never lost any of it. He will always have it. He’s not increasing in power. Whatever knowledge He has, God has already had that knowledge His entire existence and will have it through all of eternity. God does not learn; he does not go to school, so He cannot increase in knowledge.

God does not catch colds, so God doesn't need to heal. He doesn't stub His toe or do anything that could imply a need for change. So He never changes. If He could change, we wouldn't want to serve Him. If God could change, He could change in faithfulness, goodness, mercy, or truthfulness. If the Lord could change in His mercy, in the year 10001 He could say, 'That's enough; time for you to go to Hell.' God does not change. God is who He is and has always been who He is, and forever He will be who He is and always has been." – E Redmond



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- His immutability is my security.