

REPENT

Mathew 4:17 *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent* (command for continuous action, active tense, *metanoéō*, two words 1-change of condition or place 2-to perceive with thought coming into consciousness.): *for* (the reason for, because) *the kingdom* (the realm that God rules) *of heaven is at hand* (temporal significance of the completeness of the action-has come near, has approached).

The word repent in the Greek is *metanoéo*-it consists of two words; the first word is *meta*- it is mostly translated as- with, it means close association or relationship.¹-it speaks of accompaniment, implying companionship, fellowship. 2- It also means- after- implying change, to perceive afterwards, it speaks of motion into the middle or into the midst of something.

The second word is *noéo* -which means to perceive with thought coming into the consciousness. It is translated as- mind, think, understand, consider.

What does it mean to repent? What is God saying to us when he says repent?

In association with, in relationship with God's thoughts coming into our consciousness we come into alignment with them.

When you hear God's voice, do not harden your heart but respond to his voice in a positive way.

God has to open our spiritual ears so that we can hear him. When we hear him, His Spirit is entering into our conscious awareness.

God imparts himself in the words that he speaks. The words that he speaks are spirit and life. Thoughts are spirit, and the thoughts of God have a certain quality to them, they contain his nature.

When the thoughts of God enter into our consciousness they cause us to see things in a different way. They cause us to perceive things in a different way.

When the thoughts of God enter into our consciousness they have a certain feel to them. They cause us to feel a certain way. When the thoughts of God come into our consciousness they cause us to feel closeness with Him.

Jesus began to preach and say repent. When Jesus spoke he imparted himself in the words that he spoke. So with the impartation came the ability to respond accordingly.

So being able to hear God's voice is the beginning of a relationship with him. The problem is our inability to hold those thoughts in our consciousness, because God's thoughts are on a higher level than our thoughts.

God thinks differently than we do and when God's thoughts become our thoughts we are transformed.

Jesus spoke only what he heard the father say and did only what he saw the father do. And this is what we are coming to, the level of mature sonship, where we are led by the Spirit of God.

In order to be led by the Spirit, we have to learn how to be continually filled with the Spirit and it all starts with repentance, the

ability to hear God's voice and come into alignment with him, so that we can continually hear his voice.

The word *sun* means- together with, expressing intimate personal union, implying a nearer and closer connection than the word *metá* which means close association-(association means a coming together in a social interaction, a sharing between people. Developing a connection, the linking and joining of people).

As we learn how to hear Gods voice and walk in it our mind becomes renewed and we become a co-laborer implying a joint effort, or being an instrument of God where he is enabled to express himself perfectly through us like he did Jesus, where he could say if you seen me you have seen the father.

The word *repent* speaks of the change that takes place in the mind, when we open our heart to the influence of the Spirit of God.

The command to *repent*-is the entrance of the word into the mind producing an understanding. It is the living word penetrating into the midst of the mind giving light-revelation of the glory of God-His will for our life.