

## ***DO YOU KNOW: REPENTANCE'S ROLE IN SALVATION?***

No one is saved before they repent. Repentance is more than sadness; it is a change of mind (2 Corinthians 7:9). When you believe that Jesus is God, you will quickly learn that you have disobeyed Him. In Acts 2, sinners were told to repent if they desired the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The willingness to leave sin is often a difficult step, but it is an essential step in receiving God's offer of salvation. One man who was taught of his need to repent, was afraid of being punished but still refused to repent (Acts 24:25).

Beware of those who say "faith is repentance." Faith is accepting what is true. Repentance is turning from sin. In Acts 8:18-19, a man named Simon (who previously believed and was baptized, verse 13) returned to his old sinful ways. Peter did not tell him to "have faith" (he already did!) but to repent of his wickedness (v22). You cannot "have faith of your wickedness," but you can repent of your wickedness.

Will you change your life? If so, you understand repentance, but you are still lost. Read more about your need in next week's article available now at **[WWW.QVCOC.COM](http://WWW.QVCOC.COM)**.