

stay at your house.' And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly. And when they say it, they all began to grumble, saying, 'He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.' And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give back to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.' "

Acts 2:37-38 -- "Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brethren, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' "

#### BRIEF SUMMARY DEFINITION OF REPENTANCE

*Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 87*

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.

Augustus Hopkins Strong, *Systematic Theology*

Repentance is that voluntary change in the mind of the sinner in which he turns from sin. Being essentially a change of mind, it involves a change of view, a change of feeling, and a change of purpose.