

How To Repent

Read and meditate on: *Psalm 51, 1 John 1:9-10 and 1 John 2:1-3*

The mature Christian promptly deals with sin throughout his/her life in the following way:

Confession of sin



Godly sorrow



Asks for forgiveness



Obeys in peace

King David was confronted by the prophet Nathan for his sins of adultery and murder. In *Psalm 51* we read how David dealt with this sin:

1st Confession of sin.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Psalm 51: 1-3

2nd Godly sorrow.

"Against thee...have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:" Psalm 51:4.

In *2 Samuel 12:16-20* we can read how David fasted and prayed to God in sorrow.

3rd Asks Christ and others for forgiveness.

"...wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness... Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:7-10

4th Obeys in peace.

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation... Then will I teach transgressors thy ways... my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness... my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." Psalm 51:12-15

