

"And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."
Mark 1:15 KJV



"Sin is the transgression (breaking) of the law. (God's)" To repent of sin is to forsake breaking God's law and change or convert to keeping it. Crying over your sin isn't repentance! One must be convinced that change is necessary. Repentance is the convinced choice of forsaking one and changing or converting to another. We repent when we change our mind; choosing a different parking space than originally intended, because a closer one is available; a better choice. *"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance."* Convinced by Truth that I am a transgressor, that the righteousness of Christ will give me life eternal, that unless I change I will suffer eternal torment, and, unless I am a complete fool, I must choose the better way. God doesn't have to warn; provide an alternative; or continue providing for the wicked, but because He's good, He does. *"The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* A man deluding himself that *"there is no God,"* ignores blatantly obvious proof that daily screams God's existence. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind."* It isn't that a reprobate CAN'T repent, it's that he WON'T! Children exhibit this trait when they belligerently refuse to obey safety rules. Like, "Don't play in the street!" Refusing to obey, in all probability, will bring injury or death. God withdraws His conviction from the reprobate. God *"commandeth all men every where to repent"* to safeguard their eternity. Damnation is not a MAY be, it's a SHALL be! *"EXCEPT ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* Satan convinces men that present pleasure is better than God's immutable promise of eternal life. To choose my way over God's way dooms me. Every sunrise shouts His eternal faithfulness! His Word declares forgiveness to *"whosoever will."* Even evil men consider denial of proven facts mentally unstable. Psychiatrists make a good living treating it. Denying God is mentally unstable. *"The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Want to know the Truth? Read God's Word. He's never wrong!*

Repent of sin and doing wrong,
And let your life to God belong,
Join the spotless, Blood washed throng,
Replace your misery with song! ~CGP

Even believers must be constantly on guard against the foolishness of blinding earthly pleasures. You can't see the brilliance of the stars looking past a dim candle. What flickering foolish pleasure is blinding you to the brilliant splendour of Truth? *"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. Let your Light (Truth) so shine."*

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" 1 Peter 5:8 KJV

