

FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE – REPENTANCE **FROM DEAD WORKS**

Foundational doctrines – Heb 6:1-2

1. **Repentance is biblical**

- Preached in the Old Testament – Is 22:12; Jer 3:12-14
- Preached by John the Baptist – Mt 3:2
- Preached by Christ – Mt 4:17
- Preached by the early Church – Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

2. **Definition of repentance.**

- The word repent comes from the Greek word “metanoein” which means “to change one mind”.
- Repentance is a firm decision – a change of mind.

3. **The fruit of repentance.**

- Repentance produces a change of attitude and conduct – 2 Cor 7:11
- Repentance produces joy – Ps51:12

4. **Definition of dead works**

- Its man’s tendency to trust in his own efforts to bring about salvation

5. **How could a believer practice dead works?**

- Cold religion (Doing things out of habit and tradition) – Rev 2:4-5; 2 Tim 3:5
- Doing things to receive man’s recognition (Fasting, praying etc.) – Lk 18:9-14; Mt 6:5-18
- Trusting in anything other than God and His Word. (We can trust in our bank balance, job etc.) – Rom 12:1-2

6. **Summary**

Repenting from dead works is: Repenting from the works of the old nature or from the works of man apart from those of God.