

Baptism Now

Acts 2

Acts 2:37-41 (ASV)

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Comparison with John's Baptism

	Repentance	Remission (forgiveness) of sin
John's Baptism	Yes	Yes
Acts 2 Baptism (Now)	Yes	Yes

Nature of Repentance (John Luke 3:7-8)

He said therefore to the multitudes that went out to be baptized of him, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance**, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Is John suggesting that repentance must be demonstrated by actions ***as a prerequisite to baptism?***

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Brief Discussion of Repentance

G3340 μετανοέω metanoeō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to change one's mind, i.e. to repent
- 2) to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

G3338 μεταμέλλομαι metamellomai

Thayer Definition:

- 1) it is a care to one afterwards
 - 1a) it repents one, to repent one's self

Brief Discussion of Repentance

- **Intellectual** aspect: repentance involves an awareness of sin
 - Romans 3:20
 - Psalms 51:3
- **Emotional** aspect: repentance involves shame and brokenness over sin
 - II Corinthians 7:9-10
 - Ezra 9:6
- **Behavioral** aspect: repentance involves a **willingness** to turn **from** sin and **to** God
 - Ezekiel 14:6
 - Acts 26:20
 - Luke 3:8

Brief Discussion of Repentance

- Remorse for sin **without** turning to God
 - Matthew 27:3-4
- **Iterative** aspect of a christian's repentance
 - Revelation 2:5
 - Revelation 3:3
 - Revelation 3:19

Comparison with John's Baptism, cf. Luke 3:16

	Holy Spirit	Fire
John's Baptism	No Cf. Acts 19:1-3	No
Acts 2 Baptism (Now)	Yes Cf. Acts 2:38	Yes