

**Sunday, 21 March 2021**

**When We Run the Wrong Way**

When we run in the wrong direction, we need to turn around and run in the right direction, which is what the Bible calls repentance. Repentance is a biblical principle that every believer must understand and practice to walk with God and accomplish God's plan for their life. However, many ask, what am I supposed to repent of, and how do I repent? Today we will answer these questions.

1. What are Christians to repent of?

1.1. Repent of sin - 2 Corinthians 12:20-21

1.2. Repent from dead works - Hebrews 6:1

1.3. Be careful of the little foxes – Song of Solomon 2:15

2. How do we repent?

2.1. The ability to change comes by not trusting in dead works – Hebrews 6:1

2.2. The ability to change comes by renewing our minds - Romans 12:2

2.3. The ability to change comes by godly sorrow - 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

2.4. The ability to change comes by listening to God – Isaiah 30:21

3. What happens when we repent? God Forgives! 1 John 1:9

Conclusion: When a Christian is running the wrong way, God wants them to repent, turn around and go the right way. God wants us to turn away from sin and dead works. God gives us the ability to repent through the power of His Word working in us. Do not view repentance as a negative thing but a positive thing. God gives us repentance so that we can continue to walk with God and accomplish His will for our life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean for a Christian to repent?
2. What should Christians repent of?
3. Discuss the four methods by which you receive the ability to change and how they help you to change.