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a. Christ's death on the cross paid the full penalty for our sins and purchased eternal salvation. His atoning sacrifice enables God to justify sinners freely without compromising the perfection of divine righteousness (Rom. 3:24–26).

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b. His resurrection from the dead declares His victory over sin and death (1 Cor. 15:54–57).

c. Salvation is by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone—plus and minus nothing (Eph. 2:8–9).

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d. Sinners cannot earn salvation or favor with God (Rom. 8:8).

e. God requires of those who are saved no preparatory works or prerequisite self-improvement (Rom. 10:13 ; 1 Tim. 1:15).

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f. Eternal life is a gift of God (Rom. 6:23).

g. Believers are saved and fully justified before their faith ever produces a single righteous work (Eph. 2:10).

h. Christians can and do sin (1 John 1:8,10).

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i. Christians wage a constant and intense struggle against sin in the flesh (Rom. 7:15–24).

j. Genuine believers sometimes commit heinous sins, as David did in 2 Samuel 11.

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k. The gospel calls sinners to faith joined in oneness with repentance (Acts 2:38 ; 17:30 ; 20:21 ; 2 Pet. 3:9).

l. Repentance is turning from sin (Acts 3:19; Luke 24:47). It is not a work but a divinely bestowed grace (Acts 11:18 ; 2 Tim. 2:25).

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m. Repentance is a change of heart, but genuine repentance will effect a change of behavior as well (Luke 3:8 ; Acts 26:18–20).

n. Jesus is Lord of all, and the faith He demands involves unconditional surrender (Rom. 6:17–18 ; 10:9–10).

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o. He does not bestow eternal life on those whose hearts remain set against Him (James 4:6).

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Matthew 3:11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for **repentance**, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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Matthew 11:20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not **repent**. **21** “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have **repented** long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

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Matthew 12:41 “The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they **repented** at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

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Mark 1:4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins.

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Mark 1:15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and believe in the gospel.”

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Mark 6:12 They went out and preached that *men* should **repent**.

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Luke 3:3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins;

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Luke 5:32 “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to **repentance.**”

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Luke 13:3 “I tell you, no, but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish.”

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Luke 15:7 “I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who **repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no **repentance.**”

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Luke 15:10 “In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who **repents.**”

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Luke 24:46 and He said to them, “ Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, **47** and that **repentance** for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** “You are witnesses of these things.”

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John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. **17** “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

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John 3:18 “ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** “This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”

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John 3:20 “ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light **for fear that his deeds will be exposed.**”

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John 8:11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on **sin no more.**”

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Acts 3:19 “Therefore **repent** and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;”

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Acts 5:31 “ He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant **repentance** to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”

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Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the **repentance** *that leads to life.*”

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Acts 17:30 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should **repent**,”

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Acts 19:4 Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of **repentance**, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

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Acts 20:21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of **repentance** toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to **repentance.**

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