

Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

**Our Attitude Towards
SIN MATTERS**

(Psalm 36:1-4; 97:10; Romanas 12:9; Ephesians 5:1-21; Colossians 3:1-17)

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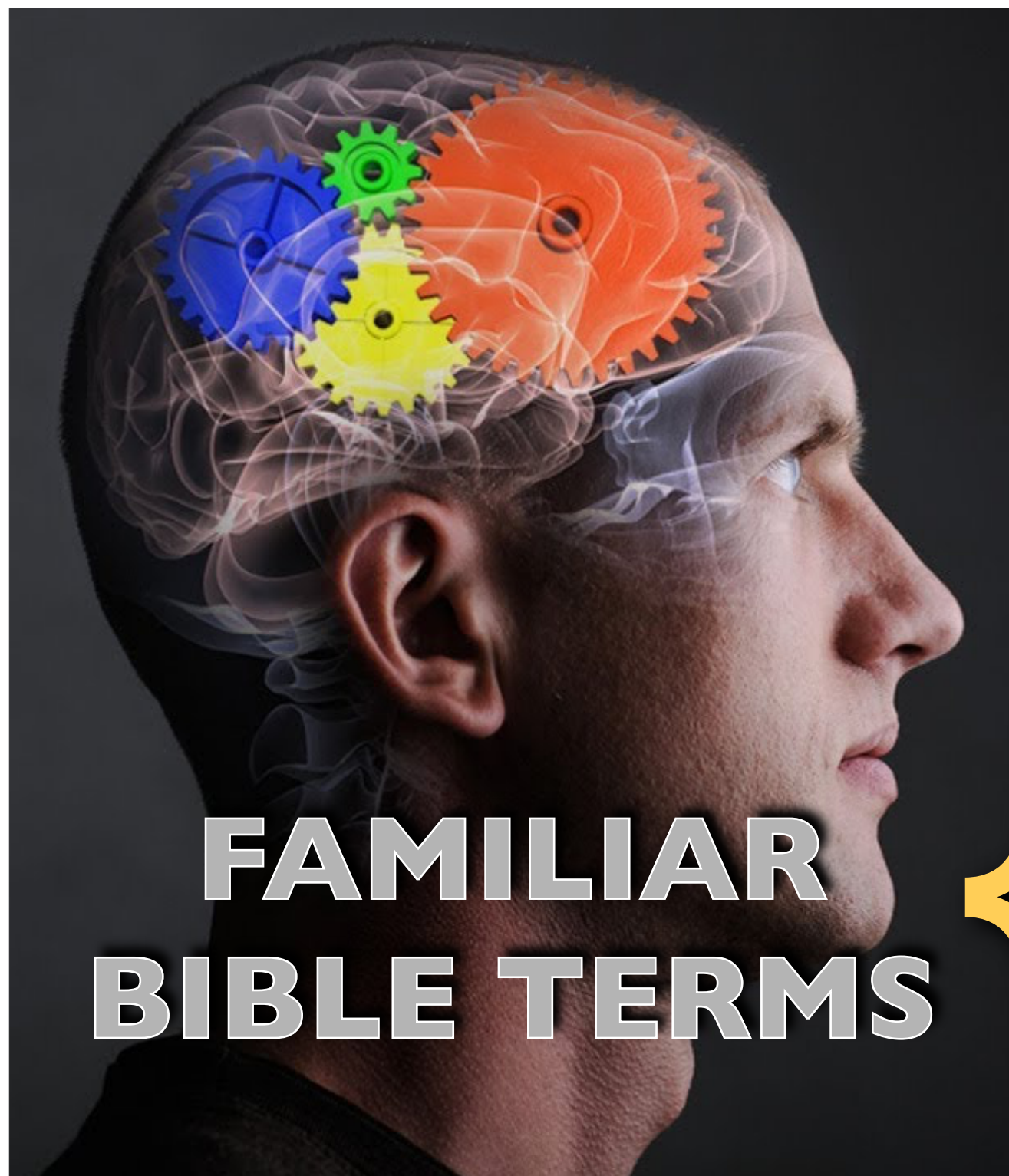


Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"

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Mindset

Perspective

Disposition

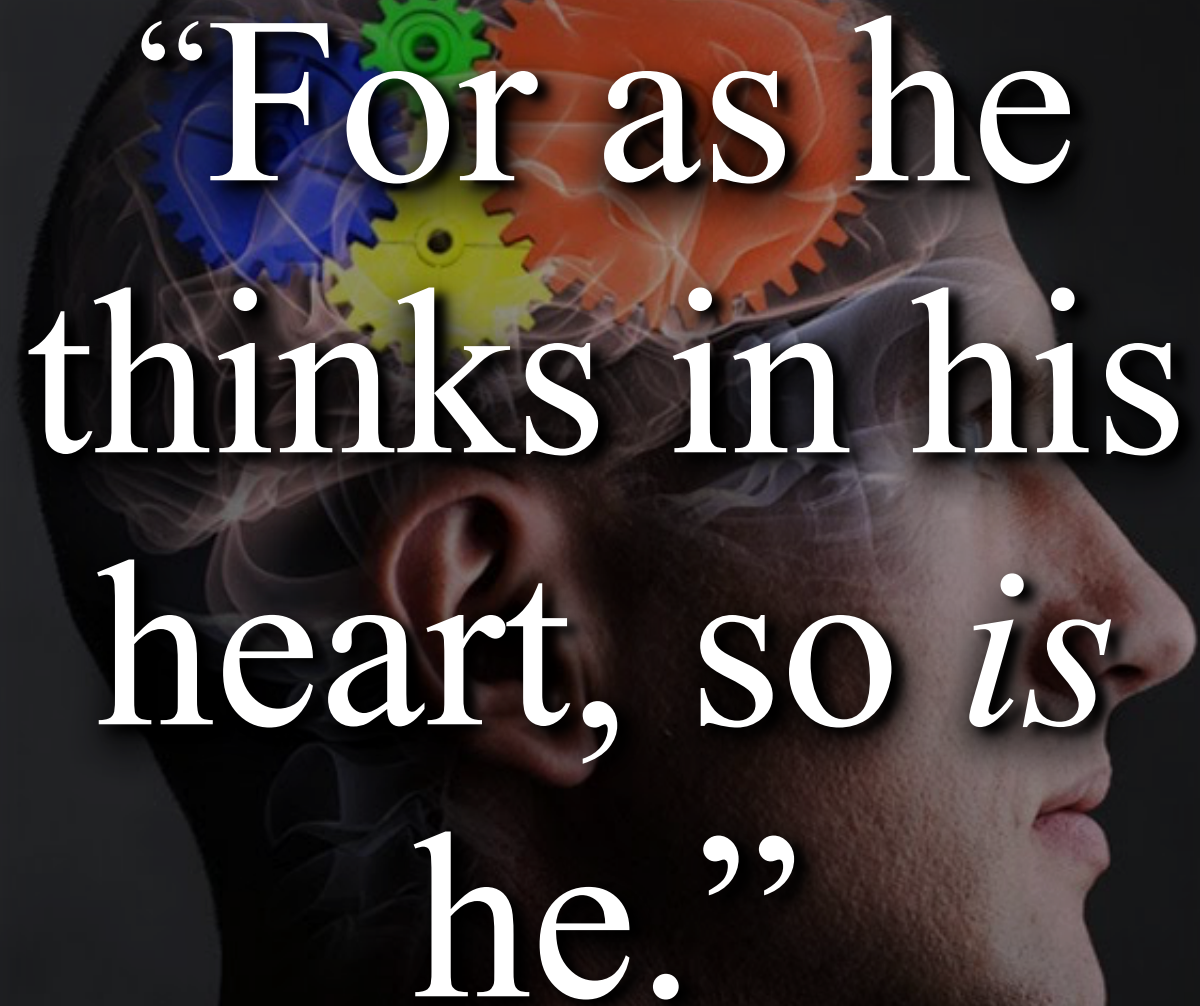
Spirit

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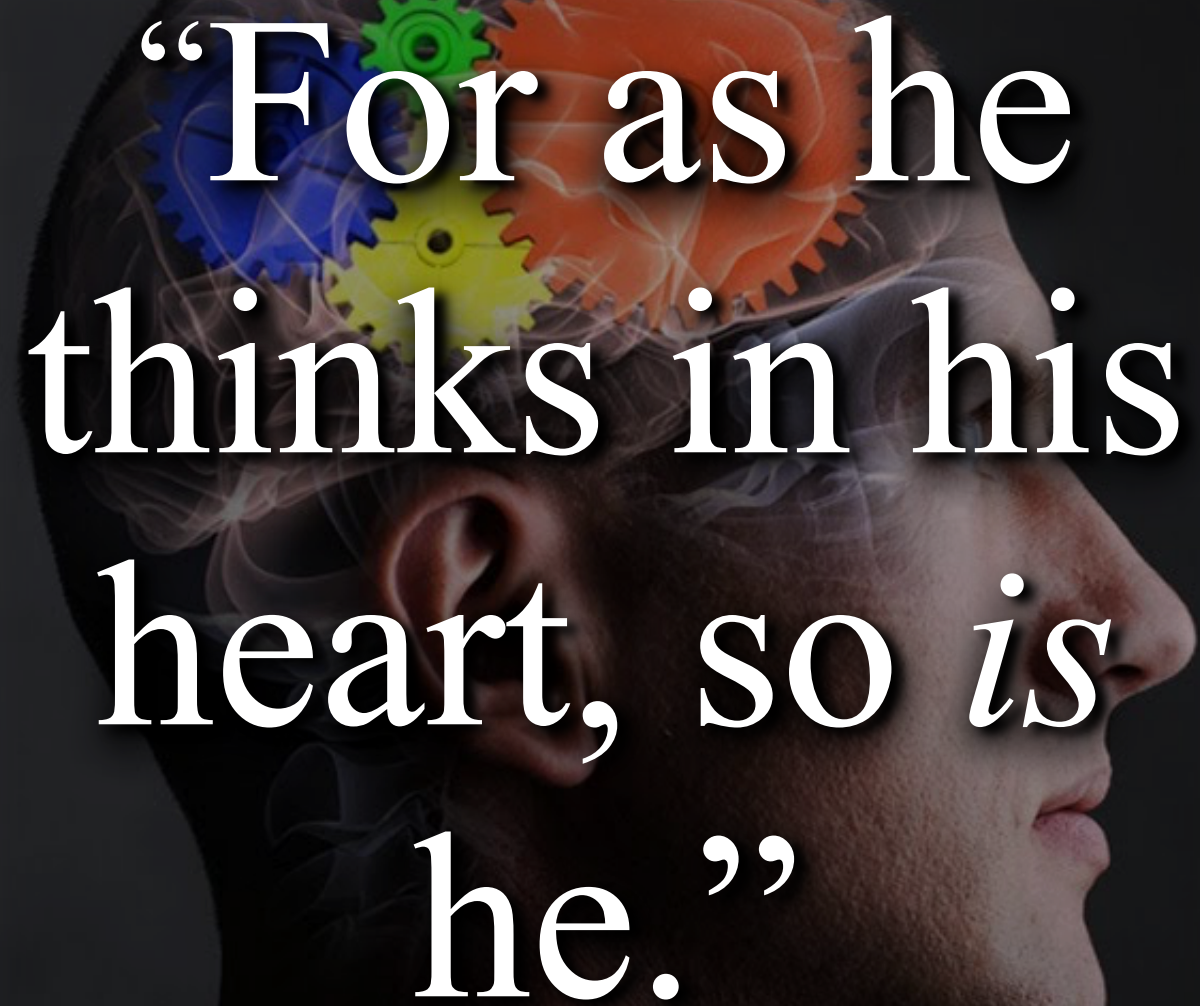
Proverbs 23:7

Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.

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Proverbs 23:7

■ OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS ____ MATTERS

- ▶ GOD (Father, Son, Spirit)
- ▶ THE SCRIPTURE
- ▶ GOD'S AUTHORITY
- ▶ THE LORD'S CHURCH
- ▶ OURSELVES
- ▶ THE LOCAL CHURCH
- ▶ SIN / WORLD / ERROR

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Psalm 36:title—4 (NKJV)

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the Servant of the Lord.

¹ An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: *There is no fear of God before his eyes.* ² For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity *and* when he hates. ³ The words of his mouth *are* wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise *and* to do good. ⁴ He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way *that is* not good; He does not abhor evil.

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If we TRULY fear God, love God, trust God, and place our hope in God ...

We will be afraid to sin, abhor sin, resist temptation's lies, and reject temptation's deadly promises!

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Psalm 97:10 (NKJV)
**10 You who love the
Lord, hate evil! He
preserves the souls of
His saints; He delivers
them out of the hand of
the wicked.**

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**HUMILITY
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RESPECT FOR
GOD'S WAY?**

**Proverbs 3:7
(NKJV)**

**⁷ Do not be wise in
your own eyes; Fear
the Lord and depart
from evil.**

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**HUMILITY
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WISDOM?**

**Proverbs 14:16
(NKJV)**

¹⁶ A wise *man* fears and
departs from evil, But a
fool rages and is self-
confident.

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Proverbs 14:27
(NKJV)

27 The fear of the Lord
is a fountain of life, To
turn *one* away from the
snares of death.

(cf. 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Pet. 3:14; 1 John 3:3)

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Proverbs 22:3–5 (NKJV)

³ A prudent *man* foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished. ⁴ By humility *and* the fear of the Lord *Are* riches and honor and life. ⁵ Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.

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Matthew 5:29–30 (NKJV)

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

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Matthew 18:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

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A person is shown from the chest up, looking down in a desert landscape. The text is overlaid on the image.

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James 1:15–16 (NKJV)
15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

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Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)
8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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Romans 5:12 (NKJV)
12 Therefore, just as
through one man sin
entered the world, and
death through sin, and thus
death spread to all men,
because all sinned—

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Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

*23 For the wages of sin
is death, but the gift of
God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.*

(cf. 2:5-11; Ezek. 18:20-32; Isa. 59:1,2)

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GOD HATES SIN & SO SHOULD WE



■ WE SHOULD HATE SIN BECAUSE

- ▶ It dishonors God & separates us from Him (Ps. 5:4–6; Is. 59:1,2; 1 John 1:5,6)
- ▶ It is destructive to us personally in this life and potentially forever (Rom. 2:5–11; Mat. 25:41,46; Rev. 21:8)
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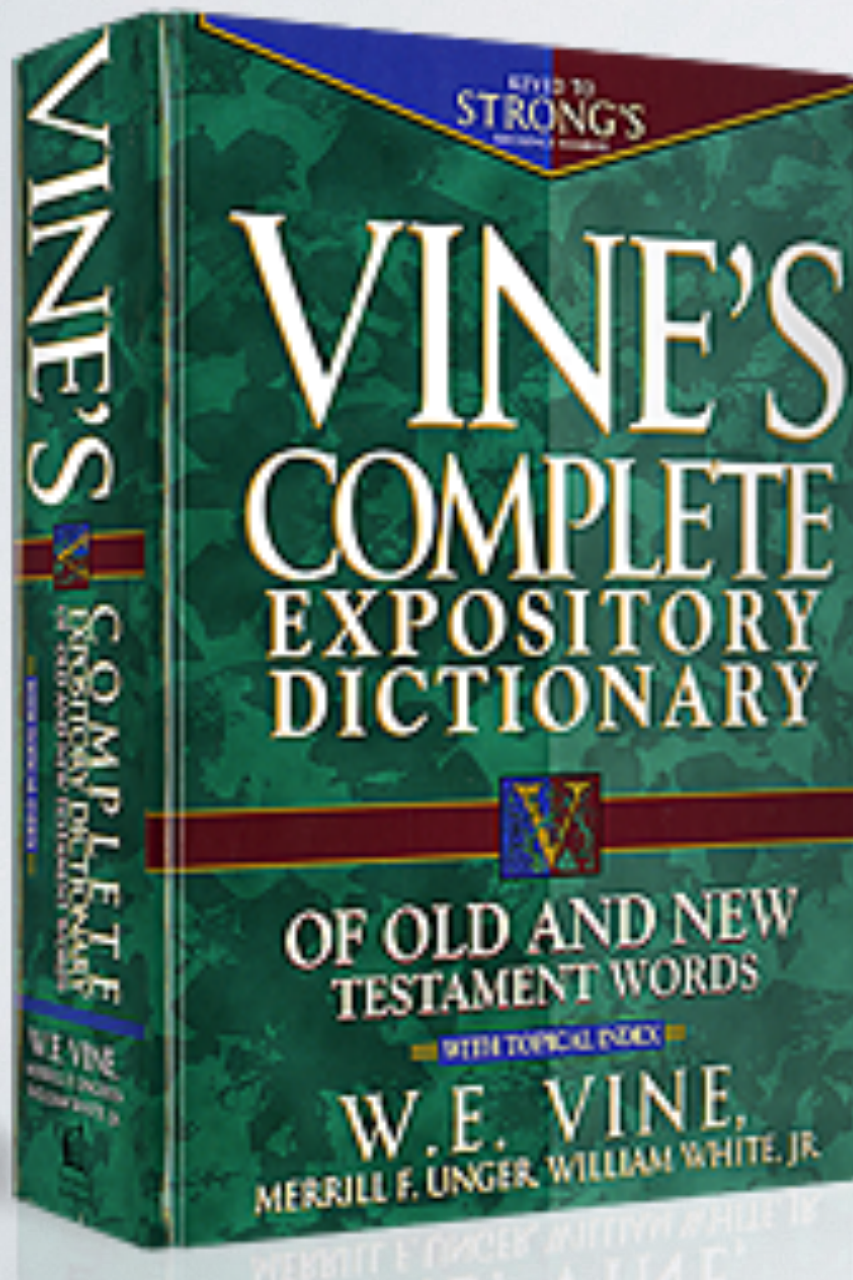
Romans 5:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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REPENTANCE - A CHANGE OF MIND



Usage Number: A-1; Part Of Speech: Verb;
Strong's Number: <G3340>
Original Word: μετανοέω, metanoeō
Usage Notes: lit., "to perceive afterwards" (meta, "after," implying "change," noeō, "to perceive;" nous, "the mind, the seat of moral reflection"), in contrast to pronoeō, "to perceive beforehand," hence signifies "to change one's mind or purpose," always, in the NT, involving a change for the better, an amendment,"

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41.52 μετανοέω; μετάνοια, ας f:
to change one's way of life as the
result of a complete change of
thought and attitude with regard to
sin and righteousness ... the
emphasis in μετανοέω and
μετάνοια seems to be more
specifically the total change, both in
thought and behavior, with respect to
how one should both think and act.

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■ FIVE R's of REPENTANCE

- ▶ **Recognize**
(i.e. Acknowledge your Sin)
- ▶ **Remorseful**
(i.e. Regret & Grieve Over Sin)
- ▶ **Resolve**
(i.e. Purpose, Determined in Mind)
- ▶ **Reform**
(i.e. Change Your Lifestyle)
- ▶ **Restore** –
(i.e. Make Amends If Possible)

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REPENTANCE IN PRACTICE ...



Romans 12:9
(NKJV)

*⁹ Let love be without
hypocrisy. Abhor what
is evil. Cling to what
is good.*

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REPENTANCE IN PRACTICE ...

Ephesians 5:1–17 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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Ephesians 5:1–17 (NKJV)

¹ There is no fellowship with the fruit of their works. ² Do not even touch those things which bear fruit in death; nor do they who are the fruit of those things. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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Ephesians 5:1–17 (NKJV)

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

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Ephesians 5:1–17 (NKJV)

¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” ¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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Colossians 3:1–11 (NKJV)

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him ...

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WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS SIN?



- **THINGS THAT PREVENT A
GODLY ATTITUDE TOWARDS SIN**
 - ▶ **UNBELIEF** / Many do not believe in God or sin. (Rom. 1:18-32)
 - ▶ **IGNORANCE** of or **REJECTION** of God's Word / Many do not know, nor do they care what God has said about sin (Acts 17:22-31; Eph. 4:18)
 - ▶ **ACCEPTANCE of FALSE
TEACHING** / A misunderstanding of God's LOVE / of God's GRACE / & God's JUDGMENT (Rom. 6:1; 2 Pet. 2:18,19)

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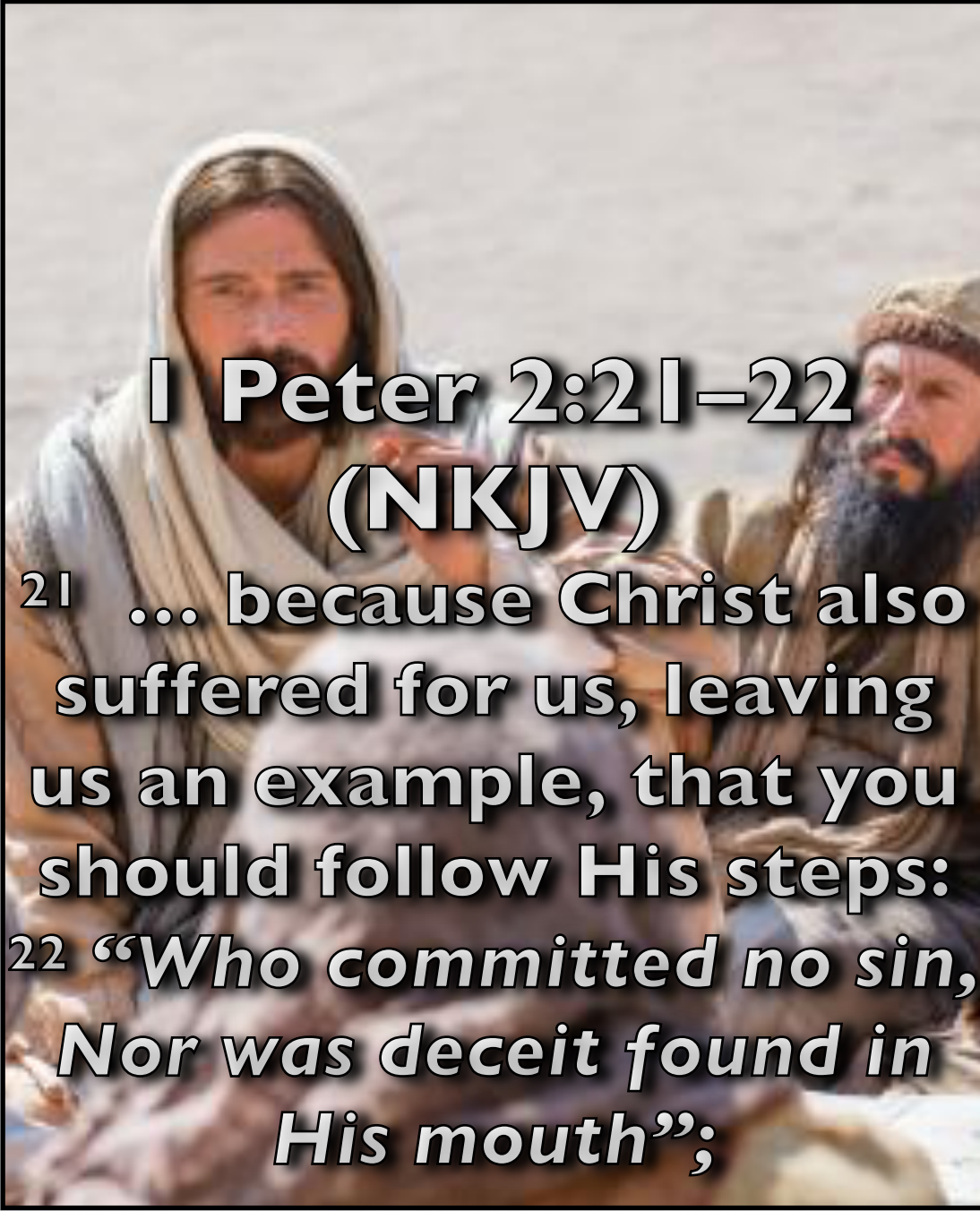
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**Our Attitude Towards The
Local Church MATTERS**

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**1 Peter 2:21–22
(NKJV)**

**²¹ ... because Christ also
suffered for us, leaving
us an example, that you
should follow His steps:
²² “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in
His mouth”;**

**We should have the
same attitude towards
sin Jesus does!**

Hate it & Resist it

Fight against it

Be separate from it

Help others overcome it

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¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD'S WORD ...



- ▶ We will HATE sin & strive to overcome it in our personal lives & the lives of others! (Ep. 5:1-17; Col. 3:1-11)
- ▶ We will recognize the ONLY way to deal with our sin is to humbly submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life, that we may be forgiven of our sins if we come to Him in obedient faith (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Col. 2:12,13)

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Amos 5:3–15 (NKJV)

³ For thus says the Lord God: “The city that goes out by a thousand Shall have a hundred left, And that which goes out by a hundred Shall have ten left to the house of Israel.” ⁴ For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: “Seek Me and live; ⁵ But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal, Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, And Bethel shall come to nothing. ⁶ Seek the Lord and live, Lest He break out like fire *in* the house of Joseph, And devour *it*, With no one to quench *it* in Bethel

Amos 5:3–15 (NKJV)

— ⁷ You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!” ⁸ He made the Pleiades and Orion; He turns the shadow of death into morning And makes the day dark as night; He calls for the waters of the sea And pours them out on the face of the earth; The Lord *is* His name. ⁹ He rains ruin upon the strong, So that fury comes upon the fortress. ¹⁰ They hate the one who rebukes in the gate, And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.

Amos 5:3–15 (NKJV)

¹¹ Therefore, because you tread down the poor And take grain taxes from him, Though you have built houses of hewn stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, But you shall not drink wine from them. ¹² For I know your manifold transgressions And your mighty sins: Afflicting the just *and* taking bribes; Diverting the poor *from justice* at the gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it *is* an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the Lord God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.