

# 6—Repentance and Acceptance

“What We Believe”

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“We believe that upon sincere repentance,<sup>1</sup> godly sorrow for sin,<sup>2</sup> and a whole-hearted acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>3</sup> they who call upon Him may be justified by faith,<sup>4</sup> through His precious blood<sup>5</sup> and that in place of condemnation they may have the most blessed peace,<sup>6</sup> assurance and favor with God;<sup>7</sup> that with open arms of mercy and pardon the Savior waits to receive each penitent<sup>8</sup> who will in unfeigned contrition and supplication for mercy,<sup>9</sup> open the door of his heart and accept Him as Lord and King.”<sup>10</sup>—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. 1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

2. 2 Corinthians 7:10

*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

3. Romans 10:9-10

*If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

4. Romans 5:1-2

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.*

5. 1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

6. Romans 8:1

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

7. Hebrews 10:22  
*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.*
8. Luke 15:20  
*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."*
9. Psalms 51:17  
*My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*
10. Revelation 3:20  
*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."*