Several verses in the Bible emphasize repentance as a turning away from sin and towards God. A prominent example is Acts 3:19, which says, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Other key verses include [Matthew 3:2](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Matthew+3%3A2&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegQIORAB&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3), where John the Baptist calls for repentance because the kingdom of heaven is near, and [Luke 24:47](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Luke+24%3A47&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegQIORAC&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3), where Jesus instructs his disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name.

Here's a more detailed look at some of these verses:

* [**Acts 3:19**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Acts+3%3A19&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegQIMhAB&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

This verse, spoken by Peter, connects repentance directly with the blotting out of sins and the experience of "times of refreshing." It highlights the positive outcomes of turning to God.

* [**Matthew 3:2**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Matthew+3%3A2&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIqgEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

John the Baptist's message is a clear call to change one's mind and way of life, recognizing the imminent arrival of God's kingdom.

* [**Luke 24:47**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Luke+24%3A47&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIiwEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

This verse emphasizes the connection between repentance, forgiveness, and the proclamation of the gospel. It shows how repentance is a central part of Jesus' mission.

* [**2 Corinthians 7:10**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=2+Corinthians+7%3A10&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIhwEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

This verse distinguishes between worldly grief, which leads to death, and godly grief, which leads to repentance and salvation. It highlights the importance of genuine sorrow for sin as a catalyst for change.

* [**Ezekiel 18:30-32**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Ezekiel+18%3A30-32&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIhgEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

This passage emphasizes God's desire for the wicked to turn from their evil ways and live, demonstrating God's heart for repentance and restoration.

* [**Luke 15:7**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Luke+15%3A7&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIiAEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

Jesus uses the parable of the lost sheep to illustrate the joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

* [**Luke 15:11-32**](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=5f3f26a0dea66464&cs=0&biw=1912&bih=954&sxsrf=AE3TifM_R8RKs-rvu3Le1HKQaT6TJ6TzJg%3A1753017698267&q=Luke+15%3A11-32&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjWtcLpw8uOAxX2TTABHcAREF0QxccNegUIiQEQAQ&mstk=AUtExfA3S_7j9snJXMOXTxCmB9sNHoW9jIM7R8P52x_yQLn-gUVA-qn2F1CA1mz2zHbftoWwfxxgVhMrJt8Sk7XuDG8Ouk5Djt0WHjRmHvRVwdJ-cpXoBxEOPboCp3H1Aq-vLRspeYqdOouFvxWWiEsXMnDixXXl0NHP8o5f81yCXgWHWNuHY6sjzw9tTWaQHSBFgVsPocjFvLpJgJP3q1ARqnMlcBOspbic_5zNbjBGhJSDDLdMoB4nXBLX0sdkMcW8Rkh_Jl_-hy_7wjtj85eI3gv4&csui=3)**:**

The parable of the prodigal son further emphasizes God's loving and forgiving nature towards those who return to Him.



These verses demonstrate that repentance is not simply a feeling of remorse, but a turning away from sin and towards God, resulting in forgiveness and restoration. It is a key component of the Christian faith and a central message throughout both the Old and New Testaments.