

A wildly popular heresy has slithered into the pulpits and pews of the visible church...that when a person believes the Gospel message and gets once-upon-a-time "truly 'Saved'," that person's eternal Salvation is forever secure. You may recall from one of my previous articles* that people in the First Century never "got 'Saved'" after they had heard and believed the Gospel message: They REPENTED.

* https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/a359a3_3d67d6224bee4c1ab9d7f8f333c02f63.pdf
and https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/a359a3_06bec43504b54e95a24b8c55ed424b76.pdf

I could tell you what that word "repented" means, here, but I think you already know that. Still, though, the "religiously correct" teaching is that we only have to BELIEVE the Gospel message to be Saved. The vast majority of believers are apparently not aware that, scripturally, we must PROVE that we have repented!

R "...and [then] to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, and DO WORKS meet* for REPENTANCE."
—Acts 26:20_[KJV]
* Strong's definition of the KJV word, "meet," is this: "Weighing, having weight; with a genitive having the weight of (weighing as much as) another thing, of like value, worth as much."



Read Acts 26:20 in several versions of the Bible.

Here's that same verse in twelve (12) of the *other* versions of the Bible—

- R "...and [then] to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT, turn to God, and DO WORKS befitting REPENTANCE." —Acts 26:20_[NKJV]
- R "...and also to the Gentiles, that all must REPENT of their sins and turn to God—and PROVE they have changed by the good things they DO." —Acts 26:20_[NLT]
- R "...and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should REPENT and turn to God and DEMONSTRATE their repentance by their DEEDS." —Acts 26:20_[NIV]
- R "...and also to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance." —Acts 26:20_[ESV]
- R "...and to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, and DO WORKS worthy of repentance." —Acts 26:20_[CSB]
- R "...and [even] to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, performing DEEDS appropriate to repentance." —Acts 26:20_[NASB]
- R "...and to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, performing DEEDS consistent with repentance." —Acts 26:20_[NET]
- R "...and also to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God and perform DEEDS worthy of their repentance." —Acts 26:20_[RSV]
- R "...and also to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, DOING WORKS worthy of repentance." —Acts 26:20_[ASV]
- R "...and to the nations, announced that they should REPENT and turn to God, DOING WORKS worthy of repentance." —Acts 26:20_[DBY]

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Yes, I should've checked it out to make sure it was true.

So why didn't I do that? Well, maybe I didn't do that for the same reason that you haven't really checked out what your denomination teaches. "In religion and politics, people's beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination." —Samuel Clemens

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—Acts 26:20_[WEB]

℞ "...and also to the Goyim, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance."

—Acts 26:20_[HNV]

But then there's that lingering *religiously-correct* notion that whenever a person gets once-upon-a-time "truly 'Saved'," that person's eternal Salvation is SEALED for all eternity. Members of our Bible Research Team did some fine-tuned research on that. What we've all discovered about it is documented in my previous article*.

* Here's the hotlink to that one— https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/a359a3_a7030d61c8fe4923a4f4eff0d5060921.pdf

—T. C. Newsom 

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