

# Acts 20:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

## Analysis

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'Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.' The dual message - repentance and faith - summarizes gospel proclamation. Both Jews and Greeks needed identical response despite different backgrounds.

## Historical Context

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Repentance and faith together constitute conversion. Paul's universal message addressed all people with the same saving requirement.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do repentance and faith relate to each other in conversion?
2. Why did both Jews and Greeks need identical response to the gospel?

## Interlinear Text

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διαμαρτυρόμενος	Ἰουδαίοις	τε	καὶ	Ἑλλησιν	τὴν	εἰς		
Testifying	to the Jews	both	and	to the Greeks	G3588	toward		
G1263	G2453	G5037	G2532	G1672		G1519		
τὸν	θεὸν	μετάνοιαν	καὶ	πίστιν	τὴν	εἰς	τὸν	κύριον
G3588	God	repentance	and	faith	G3588	toward	G3588	Lord
	G2316	G3341	G2532	G4102		G1519		G2962
ἡμῶν	Ἰησοῦν	Χριστόν						
toward our	Jesus	Christ						
G2257	G2424	G5547						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 2:38** (Repentance): Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 11:18** (Repentance): When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

**Luke 13:3** (Repentance): I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

**Acts 20:24** (Witness): But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

**2 Corinthians 7:10** (Repentance): For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

**Luke 24:47** (Repentance): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Acts 26:20** (Repentance): But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

**Acts 26:18** (Faith): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

**1 John 5:5** (Faith): Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**Romans 10:9** (Faith): That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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