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Colossians 3:5-11 *“⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free; but Christ is all, and in all.”*

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Martin Luther's Thesis

1st thesis: All of life is repentance.

3rd thesis: Inward repentance only is worthless unless it produces mortifications of the flesh.

4th thesis: True inward repentance continues until the entrance into heaven (K of G).

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A story of repentance

Luke 7:36-47 *"³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."*

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40 And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have story to tell you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." 41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair." 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

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Repentance using a different name:

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SO HOW DO I REMOVE IDOLS FROM MY HEART?

- 1. Half the battle is won when you identify the idols.*
- 2. There are two basic parts to repenting of a sin.*
 - a. You have to **unmask** it*
 - b. You have to **take it to the cross**.*

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Real repentance is when you say:

“What has this sin done to God? What has it cost God? What does God feel about this?”

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What kind of things do you hide behind?

Psalm 32:7

"You are my hiding place. You fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I'm afraid I put my trust in you."