

the Lord commands everyone to *“repent ye, and believe the gospel”* (Mark 1:15). To believe is to be fully persuaded that something is true and must be received. But what specifically do you need to believe? *“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”* (Romans 10:9). Confess means to admit by saying with your mouth to God that Jesus died for your sins on the cross, was buried, and rose again to give you eternal life. Believe this with all your heart, and ask the Lord Jesus to save you from sin and its penalty. *“For whosoever [put your name here] shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”* (Romans 10:13). Just ask the Lord to save or deliver you from your sin and its penalty in Hell forever. True repentance is like a coin: on one side is to believe, and on the other side is to repent. Repent and believe go hand in hand.

Will You Go God’s Way Today?

Will you repent or change your mind right now concerning your sin and the direction your life is taking? Turn to God

from your sinful ways and believe with all your heart that Jesus’ death on the cross was to pay for your sin. *“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”* (II Corinthians 6:2). If you will call upon the Lord Jesus to save you right now, He will do it. Avoid the fire of Hell and be cleansed of all your sin. *“The blood of Jesus Christ [God’s] Son cleanseth us from all sin”* (I John 1:7). *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”* (Acts 16:31). Do not put your decision off another day. No longer go your way; go God’s way.

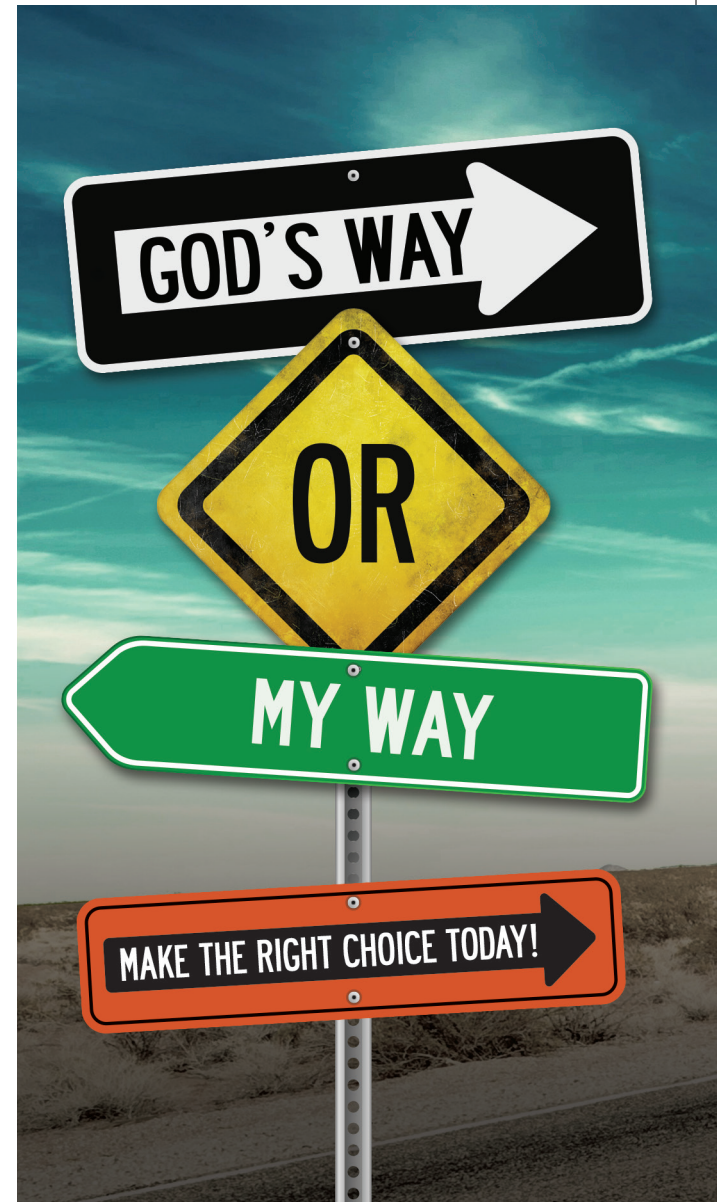
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Must I Go God's Way?

This question has been asked by countless people over the ages. If this question were answered from the mind of man only, the answer would be, "No, I do not need God. Why do I need God anyway? I am no worse than any other person!" But if this question were answered from the mind of God in His Word the Bible, the answer would be a definite, "Yes, you do need to go God's way." Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me*" (John 14:6).

Yes, God's Way Is the Best Way.

The Lord Jesus began His public ministry commanding His listeners to "*Repent ye, and believe the gospel*" (Mark 1:15). Jesus commissioned the eleven Apostles to preach "*that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations*" (Luke 24:47). God "*now commandeth all men every where to repent*" (Acts 17:30). This command was to all people, not just to the Jewish nation.

How Can I Go God's Way?

To truly go God's way, you have to repent. The word *repent* means "a change of mind" that results in a change of direction in one's life. But what do you need to change your mind about? To change your mind according to the Bible is to agree with God's way in that you are a lost sinner in the sight of God. "*There is none righteous, no, not one*" (Romans 3:10). "*There is none that doeth good, no, not one*" (Romans 3:12). "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). To "*come short of the glory of God*" means that all of us have completely failed to truly bring honor and glory to God. Instead, we have sinned or rebelled against God's way and gone our own sinful way. Repentance acknowledges that there needs to be a change in our lives. We must go God's way instead of our own.

The Bible tells us that repentance involves godly sorrow over sin. "*For godly sorrow worketh (brings about) repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death*" (II Corinthians 7:10). Repent now—change your mind by agreeing with God

that you are a sinner in His sight. "*Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3).

Where Will My Way End?

Without God's help, mankind's way is on a downward course. "*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*" (Proverbs 14:12). "*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 6:23). This death is not just physical death, but spiritual death, which is separation from God forever in Hell—"*In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power*" (II Thessalonians 1:8-9).

Believing Is God's Way.

This change of mind causes you to agree with God that you are a lost sinner on your way to Hell. You must not only agree that you are a sinner and turn toward God for help, but you must also believe, for