



5 Stops on the Path of Repentance

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1. Repentance—What are we talking about?

Repentance is a process of change.



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1. A few warnings about change:

- A. Don't settle for Pseudo-change.
- B. Don't do it all by yourself.
- C. Don't "let go and let God."

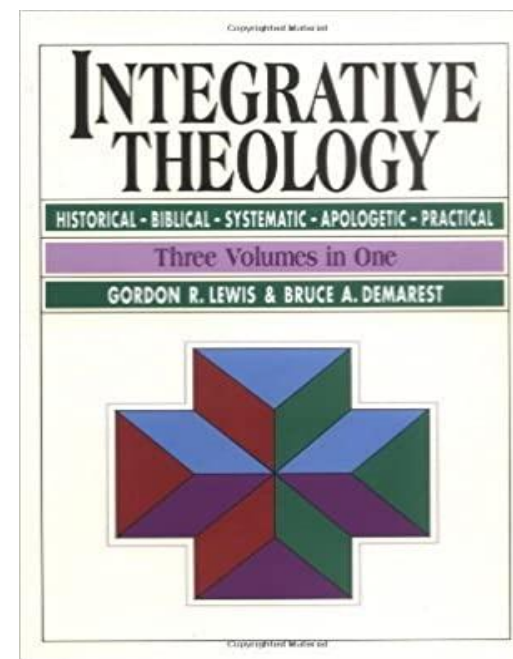
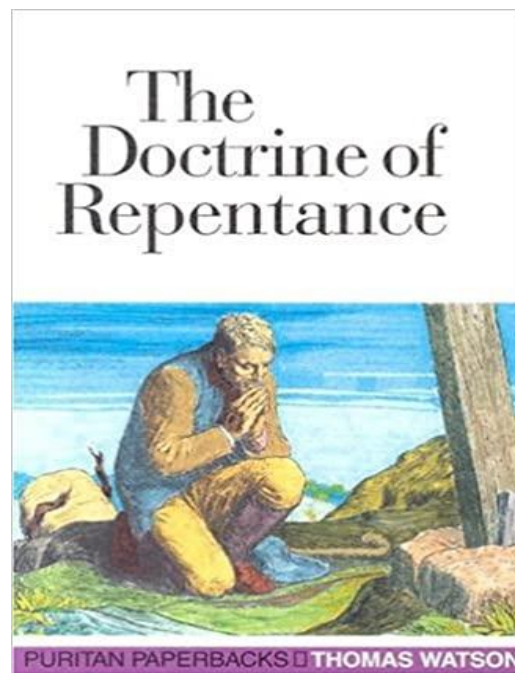
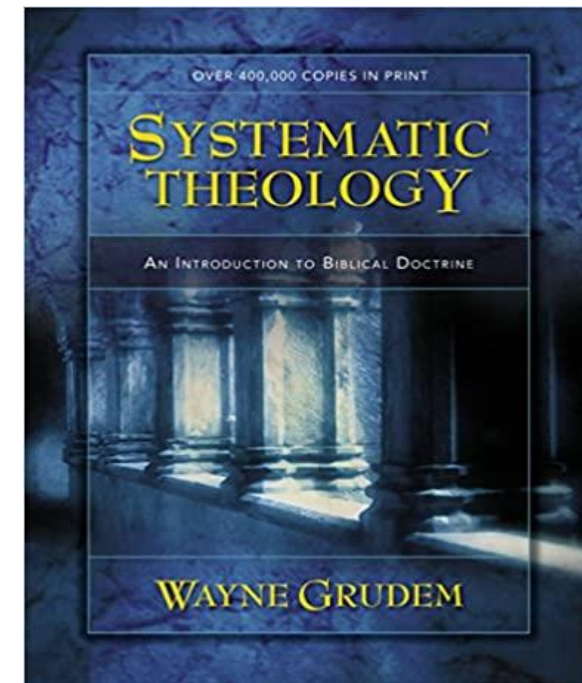
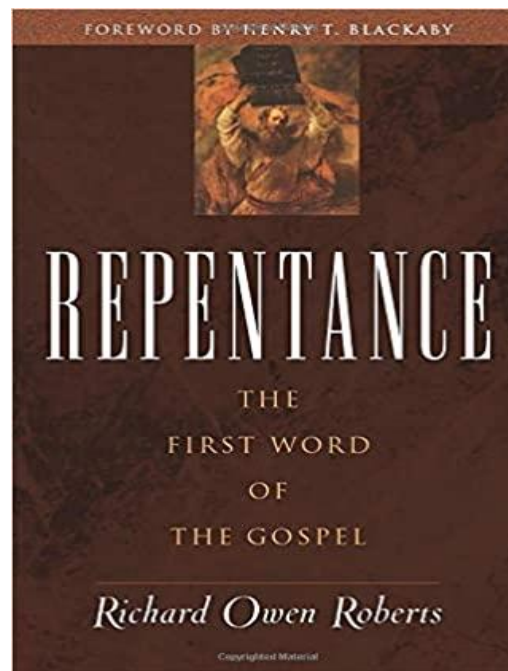
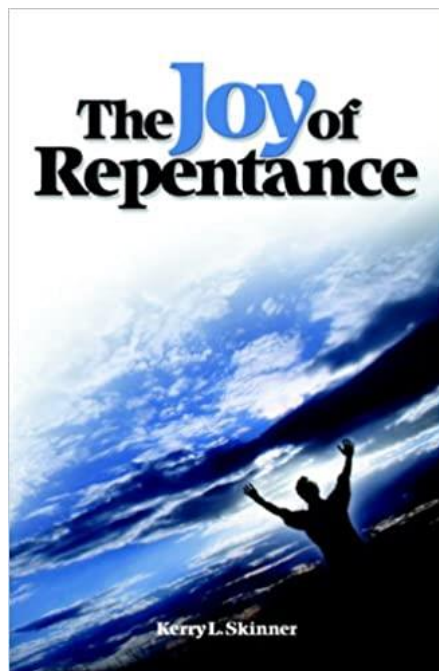


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2. Formal definition:

Repentance is a person's process to turn or return to God based from sinful thoughts and actions.





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II. 5 Stops on the Path of Repentance

1. Stop #1—Feeling sorry for my sin (2 Cor 7:8)

A. Sorrow is bad sometimes—a worldly sorrow.

B. Sorrow is good when it's Godly.





2. Stop #2—Having a change of mind (2 Cor 7:8-10).

- A. Change of mind unto salvation (Acts 3:19; 2 Cor 7:10).
- B. Change of mind unto sanctification (2 Cor 7:8–12).
- C. Both aspects of repentance are based on the merit of God's grace (Ps 80:3; Rom 2:4; Acts 5:31; 2 Tim 2:25)

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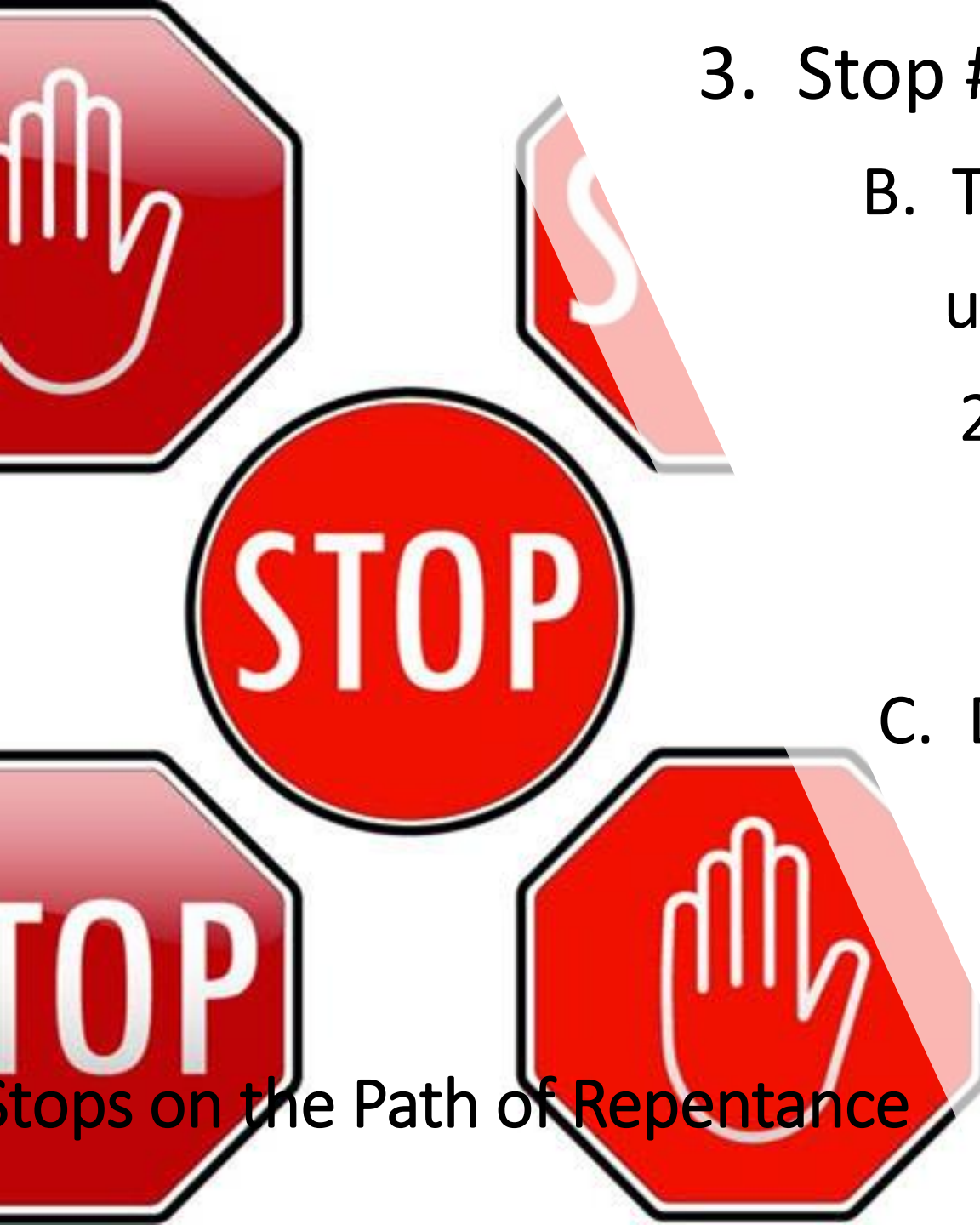
3. Stop #3—practicing confession.

A. The Old Testament uses confession to describe verbal praise, exclusively to God. (Lev 5:5; Neh 9:2; Dan 9:4; Josh 7:19; Ezra 10:11).

B. The New Testament provides a two-part understanding of confession.

1. To agree or concede that something is true (Matt 10:32; Acts 23:8; 1 John 1:9.)

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3. Stop #3—practicing confession.

B. The New Testament provides a two-part understanding of confession.

2. To publicly acknowledge the change to God and others (Matt 3:6; Rom 14:11, 15:9; Phil 4:2; James 5:16).

C. Definition of confession based on Biblical Data:

To agree with what God says about sin and then make a verbal admission based on that conviction.

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Confession in the lives of real people!

1. Aaron (Nu 12:11).

2. Israelites (Nu 21:6,7; 1Sa 7:6, 12:19).

3. Saul (1Sa 15:24).

4. David (2Sa 24:10).

5. Ezra (9:6).

6. Nehemiah (Neh 1:6-7).

7. Job (7:20).

8. Daniel (9:4).

9. Peter (Luke 5:8).

10. The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23:41).

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4. Stop #4—forging through with forgiveness (2 Sam 24:10-11).

A. Old Testament Terminology

B. New Testament Terminology

C. Definition of biblical forgiveness:

To release yourself or another party from sin upon confession.

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4. Stop #4—forging through with forgiveness (2 Sam 24:10-11).

D. Practice of forgiveness:

- 1) Sorrow for sin.
- 2) Change of mind about your sin.
- 3) Agree with God about your sin.
- 4) Ask Him to release you of that sin (1 John 1:9)—Will you forgive me?

*Forgiveness is not a feeling
verbal statement.*

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5. Stop #5—basking in forsaking.

forsake = to abandon the sin that led you down the path of repentance

1. Forsaking in the Old Testament
 - A. Proverbs (Prov 28:13)
 - B. In the life of David (51:10).

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5. Stop #5—basking in forsaking.

2. New Testament teaching on forsaking.

A. Jesus' Teaching on Forsaking (John 5:14, 8:2-11).

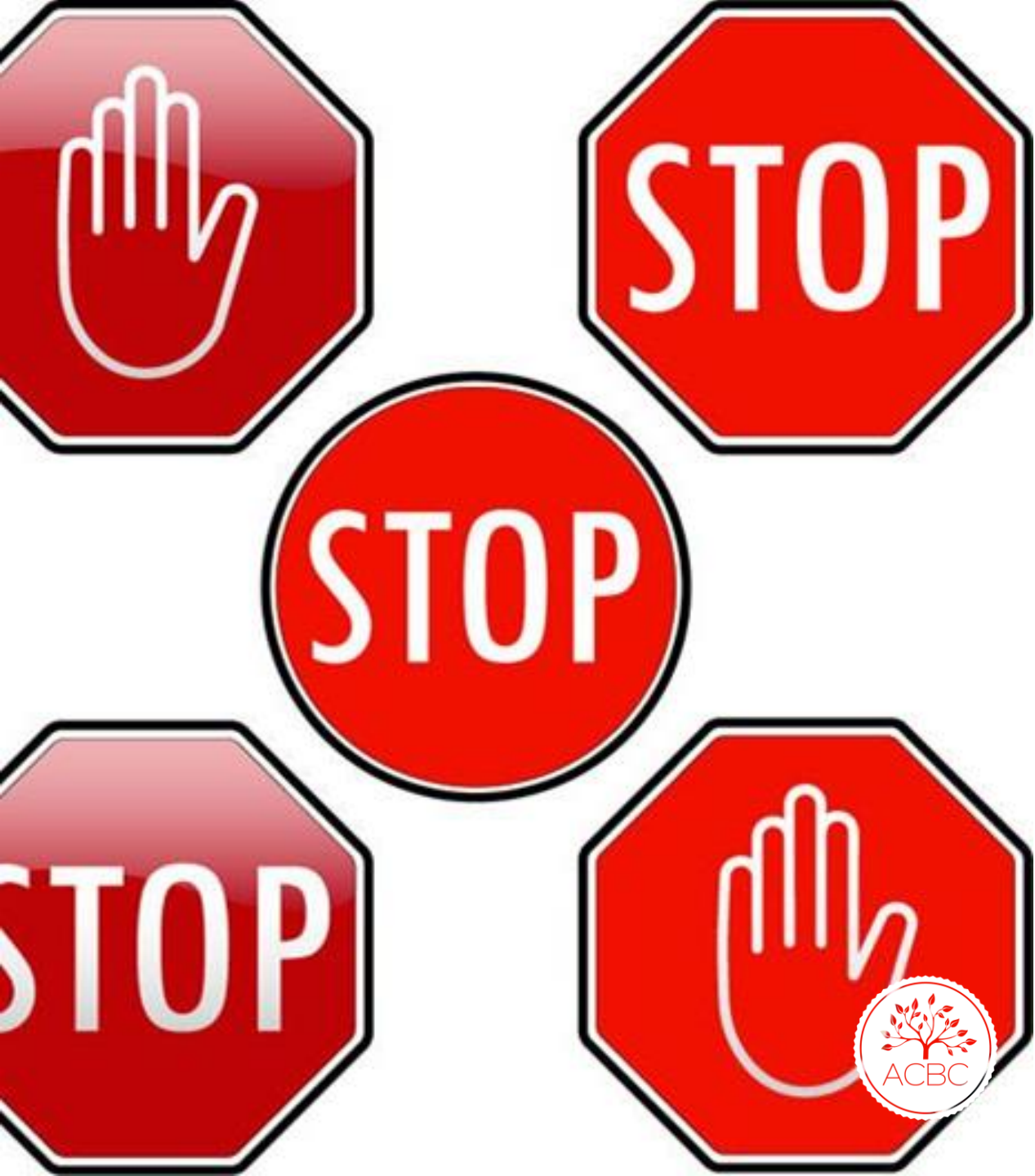
B. Epistolary Teaching on forsaking.

1) Not forsaking is logically foolish (2 Pet 2:20-22).

2) Forsaking sin is freeing (Heb

12:1).

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