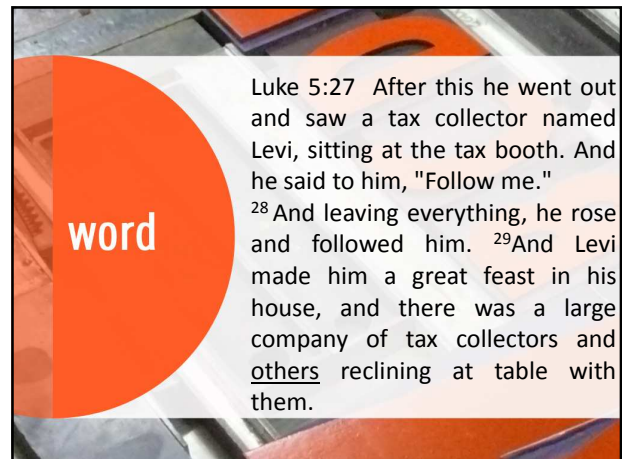


**The message of Jesus...**

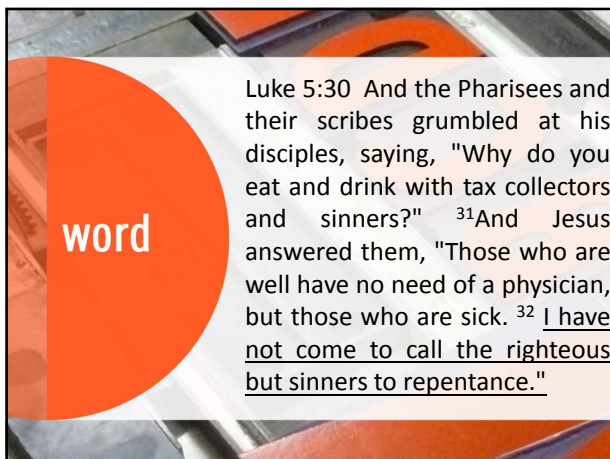
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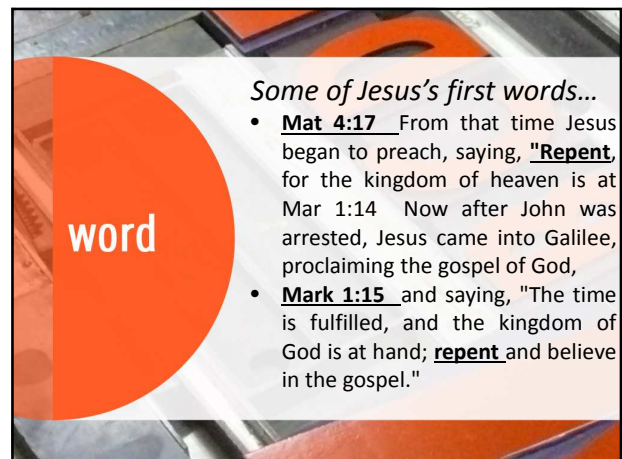


Luke 5:27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>28</sup> And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. <sup>29</sup> And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.

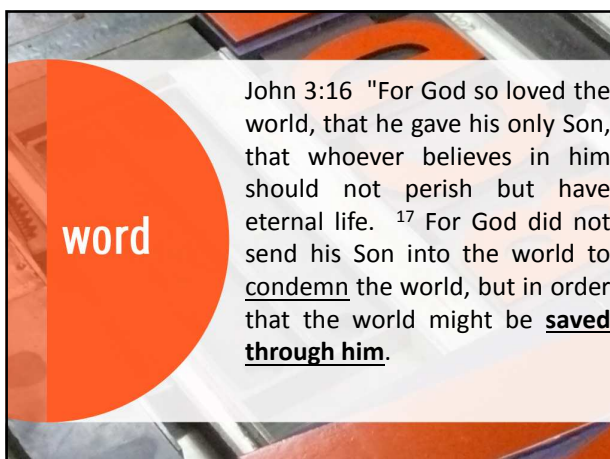


Luke 5:30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

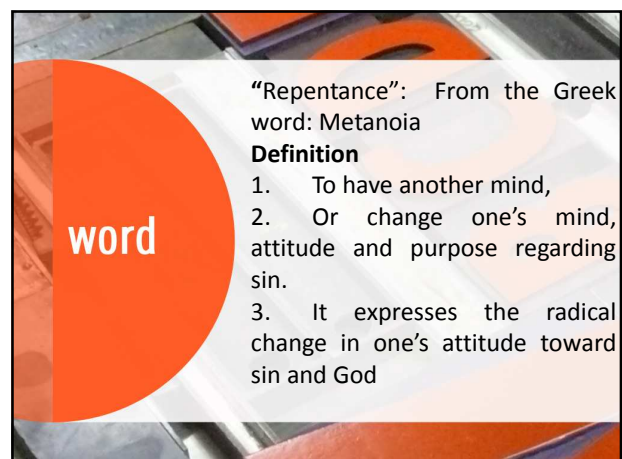


*Some of Jesus's first words...*

- **Mat 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- **Mar 1:14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,
- **Mark 1:15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and believe in the gospel."



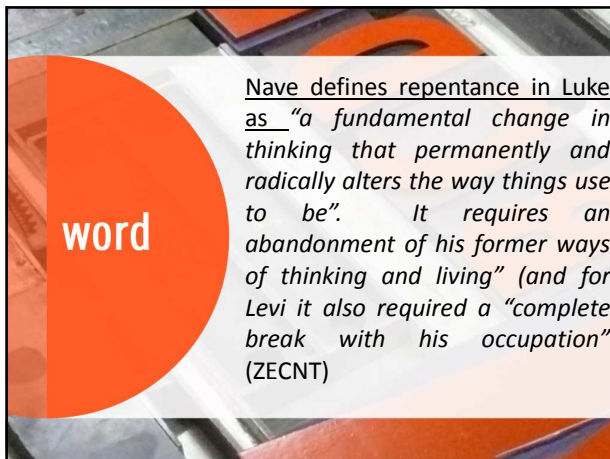
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



"Repentance": From the Greek word: Metanoia

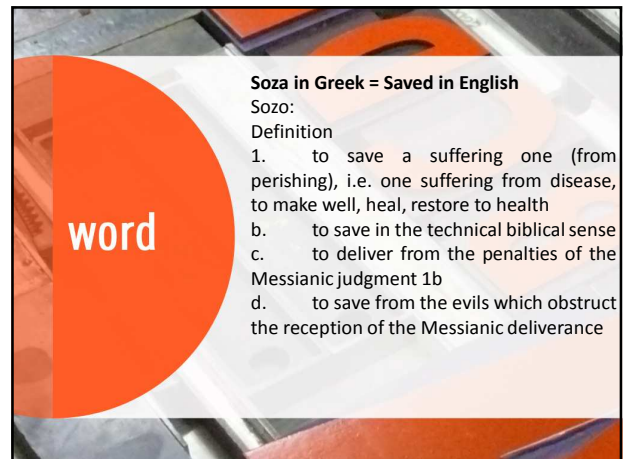
**Definition**

1. To have another mind,
2. Or change one's mind, attitude and purpose regarding sin.
3. It expresses the radical change in one's attitude toward sin and God



**word**

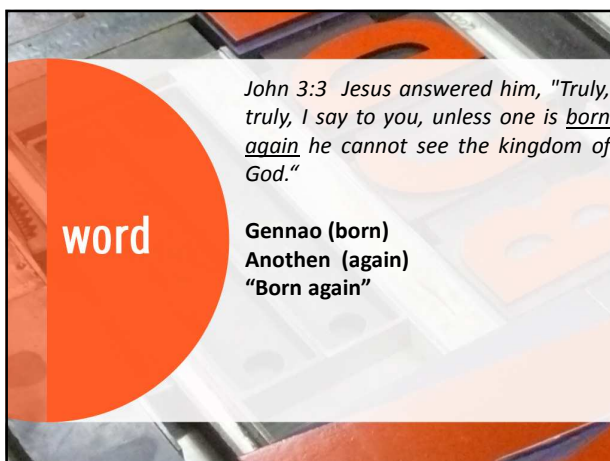
Nave defines repentance in Luke as *"a fundamental change in thinking that permanently and radically alters the way things use to be". It requires an abandonment of his former ways of thinking and living" (and for Levi it also required a "complete break with his occupation" (ZECNT)*



**word**

**Sozo in Greek = Saved in English**  
Sozo:  
Definition

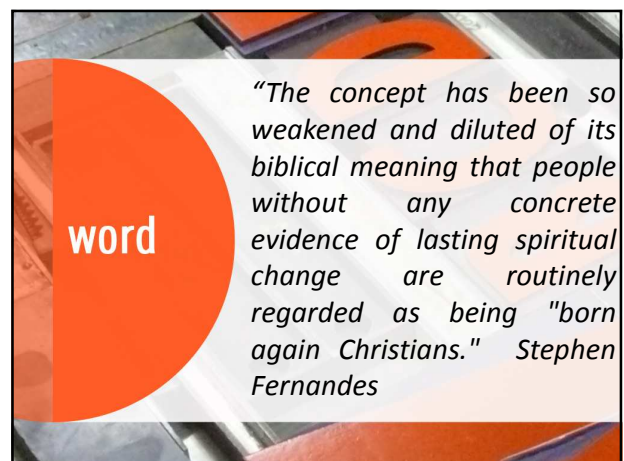
1. to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health
- b. to save in the technical biblical sense
- c. to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment 1b
- d. to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance



**word**


*John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

**Gennao (born)  
Anothēn (again)  
"Born again"**



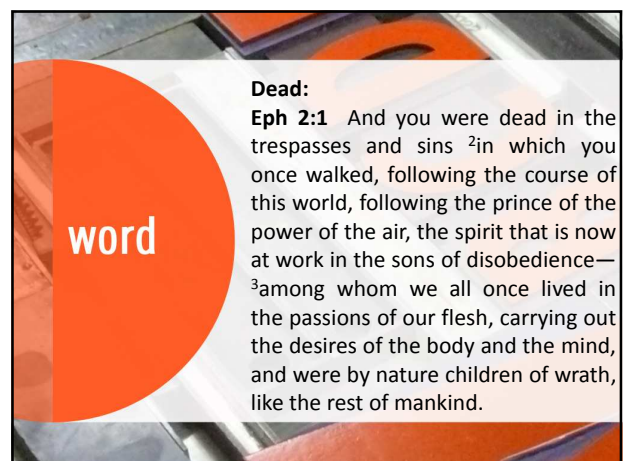
**word**

*"The concept has been so weakened and diluted of its biblical meaning that people without any concrete evidence of lasting spiritual change are routinely regarded as being "born again Christians." Stephen Fernandes*



**word**

The new birth (or regeneration, to use the theological term) is a radical change of the core disposition and nature of a person that fundamentally transforms both their attitudes and behavior for life.



**word**

**Dead:**  
**Eph 2:1** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**word**

**Alive**  
**Eph 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**word**

**Eph 2:7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
**Eph 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God

**word**

**Eze 36:25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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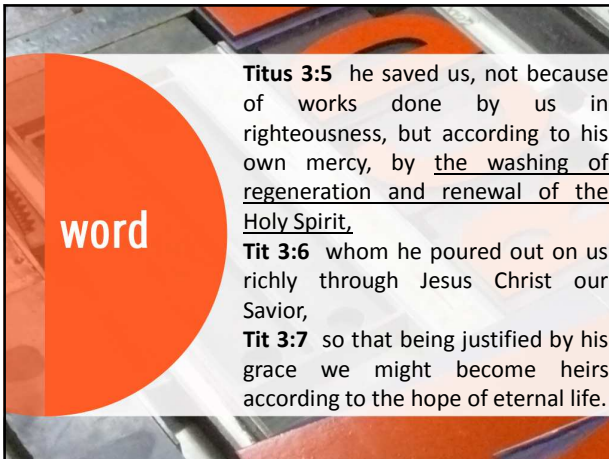
**Joh 3:3** Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."  
**Joh 3:4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"  
**Joh 3:5** Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

**word**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus het geantwoord: "Dit verseker Ek jou: As iemand nie uit water en Gees gebore word nie, kan hy nie in die koninkryk van God kom nie.

**word**

**Titus 3:3** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.  
**Titus 3:4** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,



**Titus 3:5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

**Tit 3:6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**Tit 3:7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.