

**Soul Care**  
**Part 4: Turning Back to God**  
**Hosea 14:1-9**

**The opening message from Jesus Christ**

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach,  
“Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Mark 1:15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near.  
Repent and believe the good news

**Repent! (definitions)**

1. To stop, turn around and go in a new direction
2. To stop one’s sin, turn away from sin and turn to God
3. Repentance involves a change of heart, mind and will resulting in a changed life.

It is more than sorrow over sin and only confession but actually turning away from sin & turning to God. Repent is an action verb!

**Repentance is a Gift from God!**

Acts 5:31 Jesus is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. (see also Acts 11:18 & 2 Timothy 2:25)

**Repentance is Essential for Soul Care**

1. My Soul Needs Care
2. Only God can care for my Soul
3. It is utterly foolish to seek soul care outside of a deep friendship with God
4. Therefore spending quality & quantity time with God is essential for Soul Care (Solitude)
5. I begin my time alone with God with CONFESSON, honestly and openly agreeing with God about my sin
6. Repentance supernaturally follows confession as God cares for my soul

**How do we Repent? What are the Blessings of Repentance?**

**Answer: Hosea 14: 1-9**

**Hosea Basics**

**Hosea Outline**

Chapters 1-3: The unfaithful wife (Gomer) and the faithful husband (Hosea)  
Chapters 4-14: The unfaithful nation (Israel) and the Faithful God (Yahweh)

### **HOSEA chapter 14**

14:1-3: A Call to Repentance

14:4-8: The Blessings of Repentance

14:9: Epilogue

“The Rainbow after The Storm”

v.1 Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall!

v.2 Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: “Forgive all our sin and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

v.3 Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount warhorses. We will never again say ‘Our gods’ to what our own hands have made, for in you the fatherless find compassion.”

v.4 “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.

v.5 I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots;

v.6 his young shoots will grow. His splendor will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.

v.7 People will dwell again in his shade; they will flourish like the grain, they will blossom like the vine—Israel’s fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.

v.8 Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a flourishing juniper; your fruitfulness comes from me.”

v.9 Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

**Repent! It’s Good for the Soul!**