

An Exposition of the 2nd (1689) London Baptist Confession
Chapter 15.3-5: Of Repentance Unto Life and Salvation

15.3 This saving repentance is an evangelical grace,^a whereby a person, being by the Holy Spirit made sensible of the manifold evils of his sin, does, by faith in Christ, humble himself for it with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorranc^y,^b praying for pardon and strength of grace, with a purpose and endeavor, by supplies of the Spirit, to walk before God unto all well-pleasing in all things.^c

^a Zech. 12:10; Acts 11:18 ^b Ezek. 36:31; 2 Cor. 7:11 ^c Ps. 119:6, 128

1. This saving repentance...
 - a. Is an evangelical grace (Acts 11:18).
 - b. Is made possible by the conviction of the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 12:10).
2. This saving repentance...
 - a. Produces humility (Psalm 51:17).
 - b. Produces a godly sorrow that seeks pardon (2 Corinthians 7:11).
 - c. Produces a detestation of sin (Psalm 119:128).
 - d. Produces a self-abhorranc^y (Ezekiel 36:31).
 - e. Results in prayer for pardon and strength of grace (Colossians 1:9-12).
 - f. Produces a purpose and endeavor for a well-pleasing life (Psalm 119:6 128).
 - g. Is empowered by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16).

15.4 As repentance is to be continued through the whole course of our lives, upon the account of the body of death, and the motions thereof, so it is every man's duty to repent of his particular known sins particularly.^a

^a Luke 19:8; 1 Tim. 1:13, 15

1. Repentance is to be continued through the whole course of our lives (Mark 1:15).
 - a. Upon the account of the body of death (Romans 7:24, cf. vs. 5).
 - b. Upon the account of the motions thereof (Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:17).
2. It is every man's duty to repent of his particular known sins particularly (Luke 19:8; 1 Timothy 1:13, 15).

15.5 Such is the provision which God has made through Christ in the covenant of grace for the preservation of believers unto salvation, that although there is no sin so small but it deserves damnation,^a yet there is no sin so great that it shall bring damnation to them that repent,^b which makes the constant preaching of repentance necessary.

^a Rom. 6:23 ^b Isa. 1:16–18, 55:7

1. God has made provision for the preservation of believers unto salvation.
 - a. Through Christ (1 Peter 1:3-5).
 - b. In the covenant of grace .
2. This provision is through their repentance.
 - a. There is no sin so small but it deserves damnation (Romans 6:23).
 - b. Yet there is no sin so great that it shall bring damnation to them that repent (Isaiah 1:16-18; 55:7).
3. This makes the constant preaching of repentance necessary (Mark 1:15).