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THE PATHWAY OF REPENTANCE

Grant HS cross country runner's family sues school district



PORTLAND, Ore. -- The family of a Portland cross country runner has sued the school district for its decision to suspend him because of an alcohol violation earlier this month. Haven Riffel is one of Grant High School's top cross country runners. His parents said that his 28-day suspension from school activities is preventing him from finishing the cross country season, and that could cost the senior his college scholarships.

REPENTANCE

DO I REALLY NEED TO REPENT?

“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all **people everywhere** should repent” (Acts 17:30)

- “**Repent** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2)
- “a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3)
- “**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17)
- “I tell you, no, but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise **perish.**” (Luke 13:3)
- “They went out and preached that men **should repent.**” (Mark 6:12)

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,

“You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ “Therefore **bear fruit in keeping with repentance**; ⁹ and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ “The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Matthew 3:7-10

**THERE IS BOTH A PROCESS
& A POINT OF REPENTANCE**

THE PROCESS OF REPENTANCE

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THE PROCESS OF REPENTANCE

‘bear fruit worthy of repentance’

1 Repentance: meta-noeo, to **think differently**
(a change of mind brought on by rethinking)

2 Worthy: **equal weight**, corresponding

- **Worthy of wages**, support
(Matthew 10:10; 1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- **Worthy of death**, for a capital crime
(Acts 23:29; 25:11)

Matthew 3:7, 8

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- 2 Worthy:** **equal weight**, corresponding
- 3 Fruit:** “the change of mind of those who have begun to abhor their errors and misdeeds, and have determined to enter upon a **better course** of life, so that it embraces both a **recognition** of sin and **sorrow** for it and hearty **amendment**, the tokens and effects of which are **good deeds**” (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, Edinburgh: T.&T. Clark, 1958, p. 406).

Matthew 3:7, 8

**REPENTANCE
DOESN'T MEAN
ANYTHING
IF YOU KEEP
DOING WHAT
YOU'RE
SORRY
FOR.**

MATTHEW 3:8

“...that they should **repent** and **turn** to God,
performing **deeds** appropriate to repentance.”

**Paul, to King Agrippa
Acts 26:19-20**

THE POINT OF REPENTANCE

“I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of repentance*; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of god*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.”

2 Corinthians 7:9

THE POINT OF REPENTANCE



....LOST

Due to Sin

**Change
of Mind!**

....SAVED

Characterized
by a change in
behavior

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

THE **PROCESS** & **POINT** OF **REPENTANCE**

“So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should **repent** and **turn** to God, **performing deeds appropriate to repentance.**”

[Acts 26:19, 20](#)



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TRUE REPENTANCE

