

# SLB-027

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The Spiritual Life Tactics (SLT):  
Phase I Tactics Continued -  
Recognition (Review),  
Repentance (Review),  
Reliance (Expansion) and  
Regeneration (Expansion)

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- We are exploring the Basic Spiritual Life Techniques with a series of words beginning with the letter “R”.
- We will consider them within the context of the 3 Phases of the Spiritual Life:
  - Phase I: Salvation
  - Phase II: Earthly Life (The SPIRITUAL LIFE)
  - Phase III: Heavenly Life

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- The Primary Descriptor of each Phase of the Spiritual Life:
- Phase I: Salvation = Regeneration
- Phase II: Life on Earth = Rest (The SPIRITUAL LIFE)
- Phase III: Life in Heaven = Resurrection

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- Phase I: Salvation
- Regeneration
  - Recognition
  - Repentance
  - Reliance

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Tactics

- Phase I: Salvation
- The usual evangelical analysis of belief separates it into three parts: *notitia*, *assensus*, and *fiducia* - or understanding, assent, and trust.
- Regeneration
  - Recognition = understanding
  - Repentance = assent
  - Reliance = trust

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- “Before any one can or will "come to Christ" the understanding must be supernaturally enlightened [Recognition], the heart must be supernaturally changed [Repentance], the stubborn will must be supernaturally broken.[Reliance]” - A. W. Pink

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Rest
  - Righteousness
  - Residence
  - Recovery
  - Resistance
  - Reckoning
  - Renovation
  - Rehearsal
  - Reciprocation
  - Reverence
  - Revelation

Rest - NOT WORK!

# Spiritual Life Techniques

- Phase III: Heavenly Life
  - Resurrection
    - Reward
    - Reign

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Techniques

- Phase I: Salvation
- Regeneration
  - Recognition
  - Repentance
  - Reliance

# SLB III: Spiritual Life Techniques

- Recognition *noun*
- a learning process that relates a perception of something new to knowledge already possessed.
- Theological definition: The point at which the unbeliever is “convinced” by the Holy Spirit that he is unable to meet God’s Standard, and requires Christ, who is able, as his Substitute.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Recognition
  - *And when He [the Comforter] is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. (John 16:8)*
  - In Acts 2 we are told that when the Spirit came on the apostles the crowd mocked them saying: "*These men are full of new wine;*" and yet, when Peter preached, and the Spirit Convinced them through his preaching they cried: "*Men and brethren, what must we do?*"

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Recognition (3 Potential Arenas)
  - 1. An awareness of an absence of a relationship with God.
  - 2. Conviction of sins: a sense of guilt for particular wrongs done against God.
  - 3. Conviction of God's Perfection: a sense of one's complete inability to meet the standard of God's Righteousness and one's consequent need of the new birth (John 3:3).

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Sin, Righteousness, Judgment and Salvation - John 16:8-11
- When the Helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about these things: about missing the objective, about being right with God, and about judgment.
- The Helper will prove that people have missed the objective, because they don't believe in me.
- He will prove to them about {my} being right with God, because I am going to the Father.
- You will not see me then. And the Helper will prove to the world the truth about judgment, because the ruler of this world (the devil) is already judged.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- *1Ti 2:3-4 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*
- *2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- Metanoeo - Meta = change; and Noeo = mind.
- To change your mind.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- In the NT there are 115 declarations that the lost are to depend ONLY on believing.
- In another 35 they are to depend ONLY upon faith.
- Yet millions of Christians, from legalistic individuals to entire legalistic denominations, attempt to coerce those whom God calls, into their box, requiring some religious activity to stamp the process of salvation “legitimate” in their eyes.
- Their legalistic religionism negates the Grace of God, and deny untold numbers their salvation.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- There are numerous additions to the simple but accurate Faith, Believe, Trust, or Rely means to salvation:
  - 1. Believe and Pray
  - 2. Believe + Ritual
  - 3. Believe and Confess before men
  - 4. Believe and Confess your sins

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- 5. Believe and Repent of your sins
- 6. Salvation by emotion
- 7. Salvation by Church
- 8. Salvation by Commitment

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- 5. Believe and Repent of your sins.
- John 3:16-17 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. **For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.**"*

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

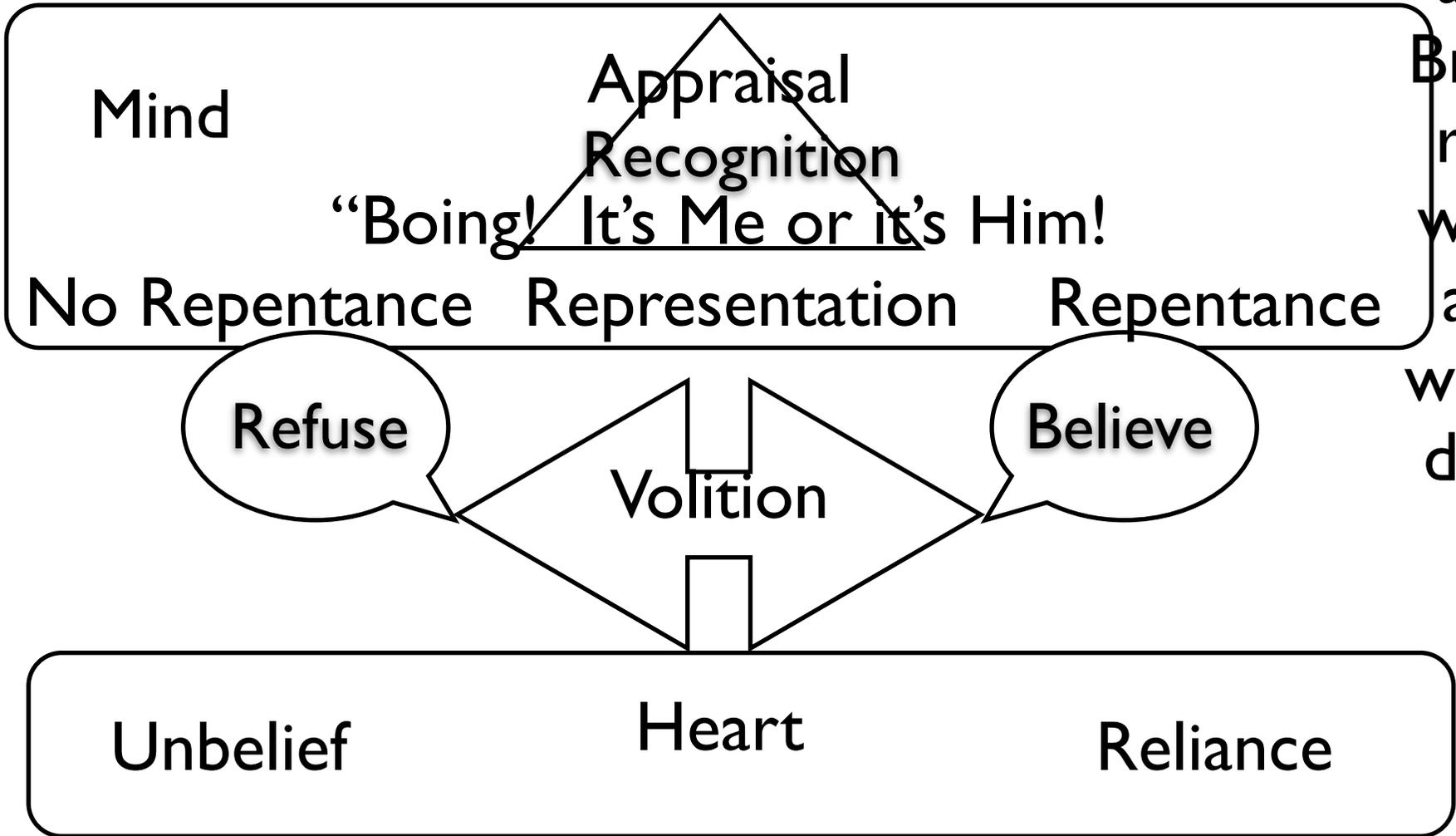
- Repentance:
  - There are 150 salvation statements with “faith” or “believe”, but without “repentance”.
  - When the true meaning of repentance is known, metanoeo - change your thinking, it is obvious that repentance is a part of the believing process, and a direct result of the Recognition process.
  - When one recognizes that nothing BUT Christ will do, we are forced to change our mind.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation Diagram

"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" John 5:40.

The Father Draws  
The Holy Spirit Convinces by means of the Word

"Men and Brethren, what are we to do?"



# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- Repentance does NOT mean “give up sinning”, it means “change your mind”.
- Not one verse has in the context the hint of personal sins as the universal object of repentance.
- It is clear that the object of repentance is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to “give it or Him up” would be ludicrous.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- Note the juxtaposition, not with “sins”, but with “faith” and “believing”:
- "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; **repent**, and **believe** in the good news." Mark 1:15.
- "John baptized with the baptism of **repentance**, telling the people to **believe** in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." (Acts 19:4, ESV)
- In Acts 20, Paul tells the Ephesian elders in his farewell address to them that the message he preached was of "**repentance** toward God and **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ".

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- One further passage makes the connection.
- The author of Hebrews says his recipients don't need to keep laying the basic foundation but need to move on to deeper things.
- That basic foundation is " of **repentance** from dead works and of **faith** toward God".
- Dead works is not a description of personal sins, but of "religion", Legalism, Human Good.
- "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...", said Peter (Acts 3:19).
- NOTE, that it doesn't say, Repent and blot out your own sins!

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Similarly, on Pentecost, AD 31, in response to their cry, *“What shall we do”*, Peter instructed the assembled crowd, *“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:38).
- The key to understanding this is what prompted their cry?
- Acts 2:36 - *“Therefore, let all the House of Israel know assuredly, that God has made this same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ (Messiah).”*
- That is what they needed to repent, to change their minds concerning.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance: (False Doctrine)
- **The Bible says there is only one way to Heaven**
- Jesus said: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."* (**John 14:6**)
- **Good works cannot save you.**
- *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance: (False Doctrine)
- **Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:**
  - 1. Admit you are a sinner.
  - *2. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)*
  - *3. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)*
  - 4. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
  - *5. Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)*

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance: (False Doctrine)
- **Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:**
  - 6. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.
  - *7. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)*
  - *8. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)*

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance: (False Doctrine)
- **Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:**
  - 9. *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."* **(Romans 10:9)**
  - 10. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Saviour.
  - 11. *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* **(Romans 10:13)**

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance: (False Doctrine)
- **What to pray:**
- Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour.

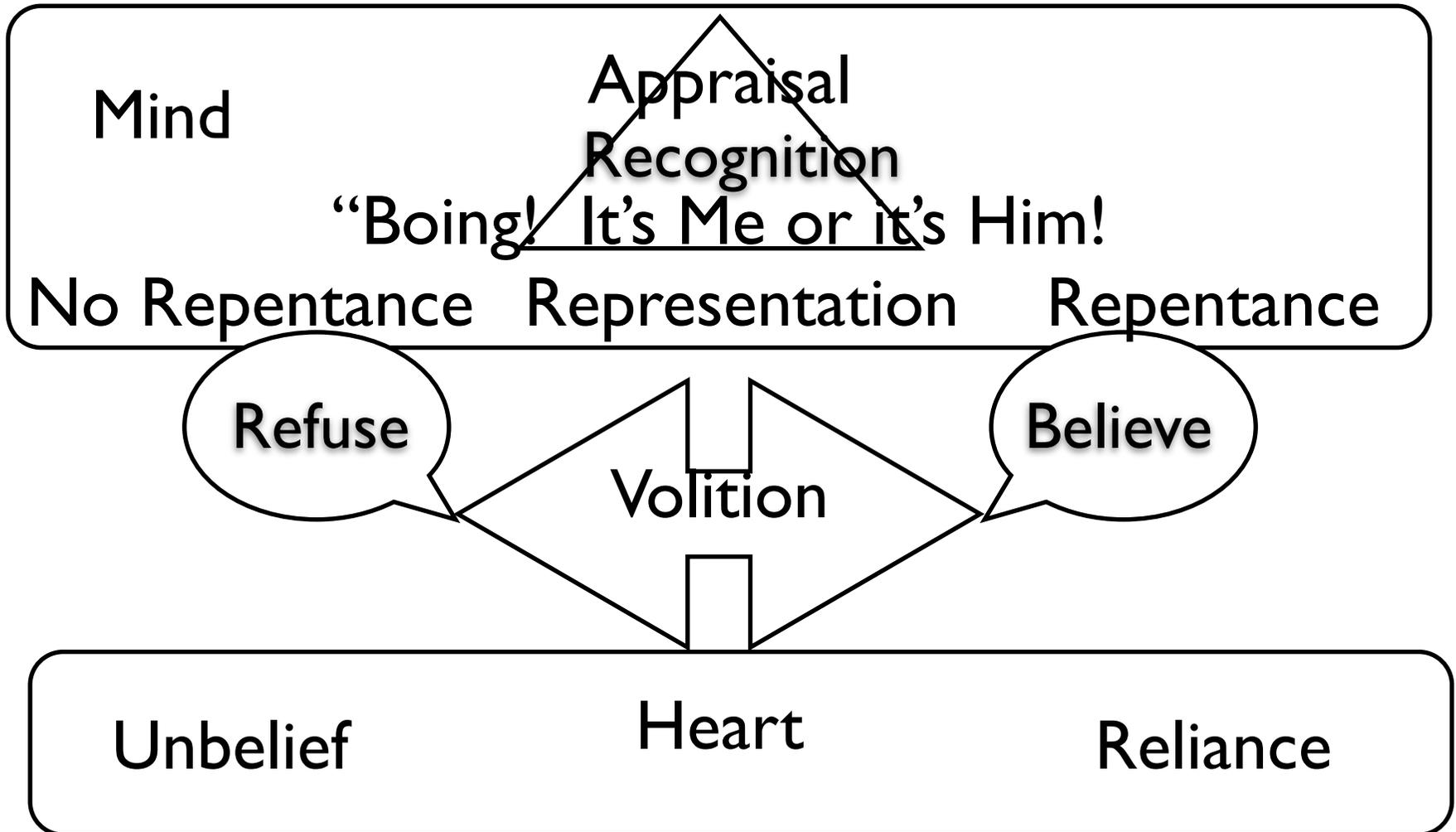
# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Repentance:
- Repentance is part of the process of Believing.
- It is the result of Recognition in the Appraisal Process on the part of the hearer who then is faced with the decision to choose Reliance on Christ.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation Diagram

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# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Rely:
- tr.v.,
  - 1. To be dependent for support, help, or supply: relies on her parents for tuition.
  - 2. To place or have faith or confidence: relied on them to tell him the truth.
- [Middle English *relien*, to rally, from Old French *relier*, from Latin *religāre*, to bind fast : *re-*, *re-* + *ligāre*, to bind.]
- Reliance: n.
  - 1. The act of relying or the state of being reliant.
  - 2. The faith, confidence, or trust felt by one who relies; dependence. See synonyms at trust.
  - 3. One relied on; a mainstay.

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Reliance:
- The Lord Jesus did not teach that saving faith was a simple matter. Far from it. Instead of declaring that the saving of the soul was an easy thing, which many would participate in, He said:
- "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14).
- "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22):
- "Strive to enter in at the strait gate" (Luke 13:24).
- "How hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:24,25).

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Reliance:
- "Why call ye me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46);
- "Not everyone that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).
- Many a Faith PLUS Works Legalist will quote this verse to convince the unbeliever that he needs to "repent of their sins", but as usual, the context destroys their false premise...

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Reliance:
- In the words of our Lord Himself, 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.'
- Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity' [Matt. 7:21-23].

# SLT: Phase I: Salvation

- Reliance
- He does not dispute the facts that these people put forward - they have done all these things.
- There they are, very pleased with themselves, and expecting the chief place but are excluded.
- 'Going about to establish their own righteousness'- that is all it is.
- The perfect salvation work of Christ on the cross, which is called expiation, excludes anything else being added to faith.
- No works of any kind are allowed. **Ephesians 2:8-9**, *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that [salvation] not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*