

DOCTRINE OF REBOUND

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I. Definition and description:

- A. Rebound is that doctrine which answers the question "What is the believer to do when he or she sins?".
- B. Rebound is to simply name one's known sin or sins to God the Father.
- C. Rebound is for believers only.
- D. Rebound is one of the three adjustments to the justice of God and is not to be confused with the salvation adjustment or the maturity adjustment.
- E. Rebound recognizes the functional existence of the indwelling sinful trend of Adam after salvation (see the [Doctrine of OSN/STA](#)).
- F. Rebound is totally compatible with God's policy of grace.

II. Rebound assumes the [doctrine of eternal security](#) (cf. Rom.8:38,39).

III. Rebound must be understood in light of the doctrine of unlimited atonement.

A. If Christ was judged for every sin, then it follows that God is faithful and just to forgive every time the believer cites his sins (1Jn.2:2).

B. The sin you name (cite, acknowledge, or confess) today was judged on the Cross (see 1Jn.1:7).

IV. The mechanics of Rebound is 1Jn.1:9 "*If we confess* (pres.act.subj., homologueo: to name, cite, or acknowledge) *our sins* (known, of course), *He* (God the Father) *is faithful and just* (the Justice of God is not violated, so Rebound is a just adjustment based on the blood of Christ) *to forgive us our sins* (all believers sin, therefore all need forgiveness to re-establish fellowship, cf. 1Jn.1:7,8,10) *and to cleanse us* (an expression used to describe the STA isolated) *from all unrighteousness* (Rebound covers not only the known sins, but all previously committed unknown sins)." Note: 1Jn.1:9 is to believers what Jn.3:16 is to the unbeliever.

V. Rebound restores the believer to fellowship with God (1Jn.1:6,7).

VI. Rebound is the mechanics of the filling of the Holy Spirit (see [Doctrine of the Filling of the Holy Spirit](#)).

A. The command to be filled with the Holy Spirit demands mechanics (Eph.5:18).

B. Rebound is the switch which turns the rulership of the "Real You" back to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (1Jn.1:6,7), walking in darkness versus walking in light.

VII. Jesus taught His disciples the importance of Rebound when He washed their feet in the upper room (Jn.13:1-11).

A. Foot washing was a necessary and common custom due to the dusty roads and type of footwear.

B. Jesus' act of washing His disciples' feet was a teaching aid (not a ritual).

C. Peter at first refused to let the Lord wash his feet, whereupon Jesus made it clear that those who reject the doctrine of Rebound have no part with Him (i.e., lose out on Phase 2 and Phase 3 blessings).

D. Peter, not understanding the significance of Jesus' act, insisted on a bath, whereupon Jesus explained that only one of them needed a bath: namely, Judas (vss.7-10).

E. In the teaching aid, a complete bath equals the [SAJG](#), whereas the washing of extremity pictures Rebound.

F. Two Greek verbs are used to portray salvation and Rebound.

1. λούω, louo: to bathe.

2. νίπτω, nipto: to wash an extremity.

G. When Jesus told them to wash one another's feet, He was telling them to teach Rebound to others.

VIII. Some terms used to describe Rebound, or the results of Rebound.

A. Repent (Lk.17:3-4, Rev.2:21).

B. Walk in the light (1Jn.1:7).

- C. Abide in me (Jn.15:4).
- D. Arise from the dead (Eph.5:14).
- E. Lift up holy hands (1Tim.2:8).
- F. Judge self (1Cor.11:31).
- G. Put off the old man (Eph.4:22).
- H. Lay aside every weight (Heb.12:1).

IX. Rebound in the Old Testament.

- A. It was taught through the sin (unknown sins) and trespass (known sins) offerings (Lev.4,5).
- B. It was taught via the Bronze Laver (Ex.30:18-21; cf. 38:8, where bronze hand mirrors equal the Word of God, through which we see our personal sins).
- C. The daily trimming of the wicks on the Golden Lamp Stand (Ex.30:7).
- D. National Rebound was taught (Lev.26; Dan.9).

X. Rebound is not to be taken as a license to sin.

- A. This is the main objection of legalism to Rebound (Rom.3:8).
- B. That some believers will so abuse the doctrine in no way detracts from its validity (Rom.6:1,15).
- C. The believer must deny the STA its lusts if he/she is to make the [MAJG](#) (1Pet.2:11).
- D. Rebound remains the only way to get back in fellowship when we do sin.
- E. However, the believer should REBOUND immediately upon sinning to lessen the DD (Ps.32:3; 1Cor.11:31).

John 13:8b "*Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.'*"

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