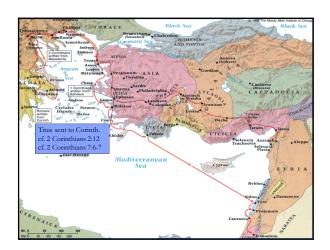
Genuine Repentance 2 Corinthians 7:1-16



Repentance Is Commanded

- ■By John. Matthew 3:2, 7-8
- ■By Jesus. Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:3,5
- Great Commission. Luke 24:47
- ■By Disciples. Mark 6:12
- ■By Apostles. Acts 2:38; 11:18

Dictionary Definition:

- metanoia "a change of mind for the better, heartily to AMEND with abhorrence of one's past sins." (Thayer, 405)
- "This change of mind involves BOTH a turning from sin and a turning to God." (W.E. Vine, Volume 3, page 281)
- "John did not call on people to be sorry, but to change their mental attitudes AND CONDUCT." (A.T. Robertson, Word Pictures, Volume 1, page 24)

Examples Of Repentance

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2
- Ninevites. Matthew 12:41; cf. Jonah 3:10
- Rebellious son. Matthew 21:28-32
- Prodigal son. Luke 15:11-21
- Thessalonians turned from idols. 1 Thessalonians 1:9
- Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:19
- Jailor "washed their stripes." Acts 16:33
- Corinthians turned from former practices.
 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- These <u>all</u> brought forth fruit worthy of repentance!
- cf. Luke 3:8; Acts 26:19-20
- Those who did not bring forth fruit worthy of repentance!

 2 Corinthians 12:20-21;

 Revelation 9:20-21

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What Produces Repentance?

- Bible preaching. cf. Jonah 3:1-2
 - "Preach the preaching that I bid thee." cf. Luke 11:32
 - God's word cuts like a sword. Hebrews 4:12
 - Pricks (Acts 2:37) and cuts (Acts 7:54-60)
- The goodness of God. Romans 2:4
- The Judgment to come. Acts 17:30-31
- <u>Godly sorrow</u>. 2 Corinthians 7:10; cf. Matthew 26:69-27:5

Two Kinds Of Sorrow 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Godly sorrow...

Sorrow that looks to God.

- Example of David. 2 Samuel 11
 - "Thou art the man..." 2 Samuel 12:7
 - "Thou despised the word of Jehovah..."
 2 Samuel 12:9
 - "Thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of Jehovah to blaspheme." 2 Samuel 12:14
 - "I have sinned against Jehovah..." 2 Samuel 12:13

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Godly sorrow...
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David's sorrow. Psalms 51:1-3

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me."

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Godly sorrow...
Sorrow that looks to God.

David's sorrow. Psalms 51:16-17

"For thou delightest not in sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering. The sacrifices of God are a <u>broken spirit</u>: a <u>broken and contrite heart</u>, O God, thou wilt not despise."

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- Godly sorrow...
 - Sorrow that looks to God.
 - Peter's sorrow. Luke 22:31ff; cf. 22:54-62
 - Prodigal's sorrow. Luke 15

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Sorrow of the world...

Brings regret, but not salvation. Not sorrow because the sin is an offence to God.

- Examples:
 - Cain. Genesis 4:13
 - King Saul. 1 Samuel 15:30
 - Judas. Matthew 27:3-5

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- Sorrow of the world...
 - Has no shame or grief for the cause of the sorrow.
 - Has no <u>reformation of life</u> tied to it. (Continues to sin as long as it can escape consequences.)
 - Never <u>eradicates</u> sin.

Fruits of Repentance - "For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

- Can see the effects of repentance!
 - Earnest care Haste (with care) to correct sin. No longer indifferent, proud or arrogant.
 - Clearing Diligent change answered critics. No doubt about one's attitude toward past sins.

Fruits of Repentance - "For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

- Indignation Displeasure over previous sin.
 - Sin must be viewed as an insult to God and as that which eternally bars one from His presence. cf. Genesis 39:9.
- *Fear* Dread of divine wrath. 2 Corinthians 5:11
- Longing Earnest desire to do & be right.

Fruits of Repentance - "For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

- -Zeal Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect, zeal in pursuing the right course.
- -Avenging Sin no longer tolerated. Sin is an act of injustice.
- -Approved yourselves to be pure Pure in the matter.

Conclusion:

- Paul is comforted with the repentance of the Corinthians. 2 Corinthians 7:13-16
 - Titus brings good news. (cf. verse 6)
 - Titus' affection had grown for them when he saw their penitent, humble attitude toward their sin.
 - Paul rejoiced and of good courage (cf. verse 4)
- Genuine repentance always brings forth "IOY." Luke 15

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