



“Repentance”

Inside the Change
II Corinthians 7:8-16

Repentance is accompanied by:

I. Sorrow—“the same epistle has made you sorry” (vs. 8-10)

Sorrow leading to:

A. Remorse —“made you sorry, though it were but for a season”

B. Restitution — “that you might receive damage by us”

C. Redemption —“godly sorrow works repentance to salvation”

II. Sincerity —“you sorrowed after a godly sort” (vs. 11-12)

Sincerity seen in:

A. Diligence — “what carefulness it wrought in you”

B. Disgust — “yea, what indignation”

C. Desire —“yea, what vehement desire ”

III. Sensitivity — “his spirit was refreshed by you all” (vs 13-16)

Sensitivity to other’s:

A. Comfort - “we were comforted in your comfort”

B. Care —“how with fear and trembling you received him”

C. Confidence —“I have confidence in you in all things”

Sentence Sermon

*“Many think they repent when it is not the offense
but the penalty that troubles them.” Thomas Watson*

Additional Verses

- *Hebrews 13:17*
- *Matthew 3:8; 27:3-5*
- *II Corinthians 2:5-11; 7:7*
- *Ephesians 4:15*
- *Numbers 23:19*
- *Acts 3:19; 17:3*
- *Proverbs 28:13*
- *Revelation 3:19*
- *Ezekiel 18:32*
- *Joel 2:13*
- *James 4:17*
- *Philippians 1:8; 2:1*
- *Colossians 3:12*
- *Philemon 1:7, 12, 20*
- *I John 1:9; 3:17*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does Paul mean by “I do not repent?”
4. Did Paul apologize for writing the severe letter? Why or why not?
5. How does sorrow lead to repentance?
6. How would you describe godly sorrow? Worldly sorrow? (Judas?)
7. Which ones of the results of repentance in v. 11 is your favorites? Why?
8. How would you rephrase what Paul is saying in verse 12?
9. What are all the references to Paul’s concern for others in verses 13-16?
10. Do believers need to repent? Why or why not?