

(D1: The Heart)

Biblical Repentance – 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

INTRODUCTION (Sin and Repentance):

How do you define the doctrine of repentance?

The context of 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Timeline:

- Paul stayed in Corinth 18 months on his second missionary journey (*Acts 18, AD 51*).
- Paul ended His second missionary journey; began his third and settled in Ephesus (*Acts 19, AD 52/53*).
- Paul wrote his first letter (lost) addressing sin issues (*1 Corinthians 5:9 - "I wrote you in my letter"*).
- The Corinthians asked Paul clarifying questions.
- Paul wrote his second letter (*1 Corinthians*) to answer those questions (*AD 55, from Ephesus*).
- Paul learned of the false apostles at Corinth (*2 Corinthians 11:12-13*).
- Paul traveled to Corinth from Ephesus for a "painful visit," *2 Corinthians 2:1*, and confronted the false teachers.
- The Corinthians did not stand with Paul before the false teachers (*2 Corinthians 2:5-8; 7:12*).
- Paul was grieved by the lack of support from the Corinthians.
- Paul wrote his third letter (lost), delivered by Titus, that caused sorrow for the Corinthians (*2 Corinthians 2:4; 7:8*).
- Paul was comforted by Titus' report (*2 Corinthians 2:6-7; 7:15*).
- Paul wrote his fourth letter, 2 Corinthians (*late AD 55 or early 56*).

8 Marks of Godly Repentance (7:9-11):

1. Sorrow, 7:9-10
Biblical repentance requires a sorrow that is according to the will of God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
2. Earnestness, 7:11
A persistent striving to correct a pattern of sin.
3. Vindication, 7:11
A defense consisting primarily of the absence of the sin pattern.
4. Indignation, 7:11
A feeling of anger over the decision to sin.
5. Fear, 7:11
A healthy reverence for the One who is most offended by our sin.
6. Longing, 7:11
A strong desire to restore the relationship that has been harmed because of sin.

7. Zeal, 7:11
A passion motivated by both love and hate.

8. Avenging of wrong, 7:11
To apply a consequence that promotes holiness of life.

5 Characteristics of a Faithful Repenter

1. A repenter renews....

2. A repenter responds....

3. A repenter obeys....

4. A repenter follows....

5. A repenter accepts....