

## (D1:The Heart) Repentance/Forgiveness

### Biblical Repentance - 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

#### INTRODUCTION (context of the offense and repentance):

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 Cor 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 Cor 11:12-13*).
- Paul traveled to Corinth from Ephesus for a "painful visit," *2 Cor 2:1*, and confronted the false teachers.
- The Corinthians did not stand with Paul before the false teachers (*2 Cor 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 Cor 2:4; 7:8*).
- Paul was comforted by Titus' report (*2 Cor 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).

**Godly Sorrow Acts In 5 Ways for The Repentant Sinner (mini-lesson on godly sorrow)**

1. Godly sorrow points to repentance. (7:9)
  
2. Godly sorrow does not act like guilt. (7:9)
  
3. Godly sorrow has no loss (7:9b-7:10a)
  
4. Godly sorrow brings good
  
5. Godly sorrow produces repentance, humility & unity.

**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 Provisions from God for a Faithful Repenter

1. **Comfort & Encouragement** (*2 Corinthians 7:6*)
2. **Innocence** (*2 Corinthians 7:11*)
3. **Promised Victory** (*Romans 6:4-7*)
4. **Indwelling Holy Spirit** (*Romans 8:12-14*)
5. **God's Word** (*1 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 2:2, Colossians 3:16*)