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**SERIES: II CORINTHIANS: THE HEART AND  
HUMILITY OF A MAN OF GOD, WEEK 32**

**TITLE: REPENTERS WILL REPENT**

**TEXT: II CORINTHIANS 7:8-10**

**INTRODUCTION: (1) IN MY 4 TRIPS TO RUSSIA  
SINCE 2001, ONE OF MANY THINGS THAT STOOD  
OUT TO ME WAS, WHEN A RUSSIAN BECAME A  
BELIEVER, THE EXPRESSION USED TO DEFINE  
THEIR FAITH WAS, THEY CAME TO REPENTANCE.**

**\* CHRISTIANS WERE CALLED REPENTERS.**

**\*\* ON TOP OF THAT, I'VE READ THAT  
EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS IN ROMANIAN HAVE  
BEEN CALLED REPENTERS.**

**\*\*\* FOR WHEN A PERSON CAME TO FAITH IN  
JESUS CHRIST IN ROMANIA, THERE WAS SUCH A  
DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THEIR LIVES THAT THE  
PERSON WAS IDENTIFIED AS ONE WHO HAD  
REPENTED.**

**\*\*\*\* NOW I LIKE THAT TERMINOLOGY. FOR BIBLICALLY GENUINE CHRISTIANS ARE ONES THAT HAVE COME TO REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.**

**(2) FOR PAUL IN HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS IN ACTS TALKS ABOUT THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL AND SAID IN ACTS 20:21 (QUOTE IT). ALSO QUOTE ACTS 17:30, LUKE 24:47 AND LUKE 5:32.**

**\* NOW WHEN WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, WE CALL AND SINNERS TO REPENT AND TURN TO TRUST JESUS ALONE FOR SALVATION, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

**\*\* AND WE CAN CLEARLY SAY BIBLICALLY THAT CHRISTIANS ARE THOSE WHOM HAVE COME TO REPENTANCE, THAT THEY HAVE REPENTED.**

**\*\*\* HENCE EVERY GENUINE CHRISTIAN HAS REPENTED AND A FRUIT OF BEING A REPENTER, A CHRISTIAN, IS THAT THAT PERSON IS A REPENTING REPENTER.**

**\*\*\*\* AND YOU MAY BE THINKING, RAY WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE STATEMENT THAT CHRISTIANS ARE REPENTING REPENTERS?**

**(3) WELL, A TRUE CHRISTIAN IN CHRIST IS A LIFELONG REPENTER.**

**\* FOR HE OR SHE BEGINS WITH REPENTANT FAITH IN JESUS AND CONTINUES IN REPENTANCE, AS A LIFESTYLE, AS A PART OF TRULY KNOWING CHRIST.**

**\*\* IT IS, REPENTERS WILL REPENT, CHRISTIANS ARE LIFELONG REPENTERS, CONVICTION OF SIN IS A FRUIT OF TRULY KNOWING JESUS CHRIST, FOR ONLY REPENTERS ON EARTH WILL INHABIT HEAVEN ABOVE.**

**\*\*\* IN FACT, THE BIBLE ASSUMES THE REPENTANT NATURE OF ALL TRUE BELIEVERS IN ITS INSTRUCTION ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.**

**\*\*\*\* FOR A PERSON THAT IS UNWILLING TO REPENT AT THE LOVING REBUKE OF THE**

**CHURCH IN THE THIRD STAGE OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE CAN BE CONSIDERED NOTHING MORE THAN A HEATHEN AND A TAX COLLECTOR IN MATTHEW 18:15-17 WHICH SAYS:**

**(4) V. 15 – IF YOUR BROTHER SINS, GO AND SHOW HIM HIS FAULT IN PRIVATE; IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER.**

**V. 16 – BUT IF HE DOES NOT LISTEN TO YOU, TAKE ONE OR TWO MORE WITH YOU, SO THAT BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.**

**V. 17 – IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THEM, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH; AND IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH, LET HIM BE TO YOU AS A GENTILE AND A TAX COLLECTOR.**

**\* NOW IF A PERSON REMAINS UNREPENTANT AFTER SOME TIME IN THIS PROCESS, IT SHOWS THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY PROFESSED FAITH IN CHRIST, THEY NEVER POSSESSED CHRIST, IT WAS A FALSE PROFESSION OF FAITH.**

**\*\* WHY? REPENTERS WILL REPENT. BELIEVERS ARE LIFELONG REPENTERS.**

**\*\*\* STATED ANOTHER WAY, THEIR FORGIVENESS IS NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR ONGOING REPENTANCE, BUT THEIR ONGOING PATTERN OF REPENTANCE IS BECAUSE OF THEIR FORGIVENESS AND TRANSFORMATION WHICH STARTED WITH REPENTANT FAITH.**

**\*\*\*\* AND THE MORE BELIEVERS GROW IN CHRIST, THE GREATER THEIR HATRED OF SIN BECOMES AND THE MORE FREQUENTLY THEY REPENT OF SIN.**

**(5) GENUINE CHRISTIANS ARE THEREFORE HABITUAL REPENTERS.**

**\* AND WE WILL SEE IN OUR TEXT TODAY, THE GENUINE REPENTANCE DISPLAYED BY THE CORINTHIANS IN RESPONSE TO PAUL'S SEVERE TEARFUL LETTER TO THEM CALLING THEM TO REPENT OF THEIR WICKED WAYS, AN**

**UNINSPIRED LETTER PAUL WROTE BETWEEN THE INSPIRED LETTERS OF I AND II CORINTHIANS.**

**\*\* THAT THE CORINTHIANS GIVE EVIDENCE OF BEING GENUINE BELIEVERS BY THEIR REPENTANCE AND RESPONSE TO PAUL AS HE SAID IN V. 10 OF OUR TEXT TODAY TO THEM, QUOTE II CORINTHIANS 7:10.**

**\*\*\* AND THERE WAS GODLY SORROW IN THE CORINTHIAN'S LIVES WHICH GAVE EVIDENCE OF BEING TRUE BELIEVERS.**

**\*\*\*\* HENCE, I'VE TITLED OUR STUDY OF GOD'S WORD TODAY, "REPENTERS WILL REPENT."**

**(6) AND UNDER THAT TITLE, WE WILL LOOK AT 3 MAIN POINTS AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH II CORINTHIANS 7:8-10.**

**\* NO. 1 THE REGRET OF PAUL, V. 8; NO. 2 THE REJOICING OF PAUL, V. 9; AND NO. 3 THE RIGHT REPENTANCE BY THE CORINTHIANS, V. 10.**

**\*\* AND WITH THOSE POINTS AS OUR ROADMAP FOR TODAY, LOOK AT V. 8 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR FIRST POINT, THE REGRET.**

**I. THE REGRET, (READ V. 8)**

**A. NOW PAUL KNEW THAT HE HAD CAUSED THE BELIEVERS IN THE CHURCH AT CORINTH SORROW, GRIEF AND DISTRESS BY HIS SEVERE, PAINFUL, CONFRONTATIONAL LETTER HE HAD SENT THEM, WHICH AGAIN WAS WRITTEN IN BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CORINTHIANS.**

**\* AND PAUL MADE REFERENCE TO THIS LETTER IN II CORINTHIANS 2:4 WHERE HE SAID: "FOR OUT OF MUCH AFFLICTION AND ANGUISH OF HEART I WROTE TO YOU WITH MANY TEARS; NOT SO THAT YOU WOULD BE MADE SORROWFUL, BUT THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THE LOVE WHICH I HAVE ESPECIALLY FOR YOU."**

**\*\* AND BASICALLY IN THAT LETTER PAUL CALLED THE CORINTHIANS TO REPENT OF SIN THEY ALLOWED IN THEIR LIVES.**

**\*\*\* AND GENUINE LOVE CANNOT REMAIN SILENT WHEN IT SEES THOSE THAT ARE LOVED IN DANGER AND THEREFORE IN NEED OF URGENT WARNING.**

**\*\*\*\* AND PAUL HAD GREAT LOVE FOR THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH AND IN A SENSE HAD SOME REGRET IN WRITING THEM THIS SEVERE, BUT TEARFUL LETTER.**

**1. FOR HIS PURPOSE IN WRITING THE LETTER WAS NOT TO HURT THEM BUT TO HELP THEM. AND IN HIS COMPASSION AND ACHING FOR THEM SAID, “FOR THOUGH I CAUSED YOU SORROW BY MY LETTER, I DO NOT REGRET IT; THOUGH I DID REGRET IT.”**

**\* MEANING, THERE WAS A TIME, PROBABLY RIGHT AFTER HE WROTE THIS STERN LETTER, THAT PAUL WAS THINKING, I REGRET WRITING**



**THIS LETTER FOR HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE CORINTHIANS WOULD MISUNDERSTAND HIM, THAT THEY WOULD TAKE HIS LOVING TEARFUL REBUKE IN THE WRONG WAY.**

**\*\* AND CERTAINLY THAT HAPPENS IN THE CHURCH AS WE TRY TO LOVINGLY CORRECT, BUT IT IS TOTALLY MISUNDERSTOOD.**

**\*\*\* BUT WHEN PAUL FOUND OUT THROUGH TITUS THAT THIS LETTER CAUSED SORROW, BUT SORROW THAT LED TO REPENTANCE, A GODLY SORROW, PAUL DID NOT REGRET WRITING THIS LETTER.**

**\*\*\*\* FOR THE CORINTHIANS DID NOT TAKE IT TOTALLY WRONG, THEY DID NOT BECOME TOTALLY DEFENSIVE, THEY RESPONDED AFTER A SHORT TIME RATHER THAN REACTING.**

**2. AND NONE OF US LIKE TO BE ON THE GIVING OR RECEIVING END OF THESE CHALLENGES AND CAREFRONTIONS AND SOMETIMES WE DON'T DO IT WITH AS MUCH LOVE AS WE NEED TO, FOR HAVING THE OIL OF LOVE LUBRICATES A FRICTION TYPE OF SITUATION LIKE THIS.**

**\* AND PAUL'S LOVING CORRECTION CAUSED THE CORINTHIAN'S SOME SORROW, MOST LIKELY A WRONG KIND OF SORROW OR GRIEF THAT OFFENDED THEM, BUT IT ONLY LASTED FOR A WHILE.**

**\*\* IT IS TO SAY, IT APPEARS INITIALLY THEY WERE A LITTLE DEFENSIVE , THERE WAS SOME INITIAL SADNESS THAT WAS NOT POSITIVE, POSSIBLY FEELING SORRY FOR SELF, BUT ONLY FOR A WHILE AT THE END OF V. 8.**

**\*\*\* AND THE PHRASE FOR A WHILE OR A LITTLE WHILE IN THE GREEK LIT. MEANS "FOR AN HOUR," A METAPHOR FOR A MOMENT, A BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME.**

**\*\*\*\* AND WE WILL SEE IN V. 9, THAT ULTIMATELY THIS SORROW WILL LEAD TO REPENTANCE.**

**3. AND I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE SPIRITUAL ETERNAL TRUTH HERE, THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE HERE IN APPLICATION.**

**\* THE PLEASURE OF SIN IS BRIEF, WHILE THE SORROW SIN PRODUCES LASTS.**

**\*\* HOWEVER, THE SORROW OF REPENTANCE IS BRIEF, WHILE THE JOY REPENTANCE PRODUCES LASTS.**

**\*\*\* AND WE KNOW FROM SCRIPTURE THAT THERE IS ONLY FLEETING PASSING PLEASURE IN SIN, AND THAT THERE IS LASTING JOY IN OBEDIENCE AND TURNING FROM SIN, AND THIS IS ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF MOSES WHERE IT SAYS IN HEBREWS 11:24-26 (QUOTE THEM).**

**\*\*\*\* AND BELOVED, MOSES UNDERSTOOD THAT GOD'S REWARD IN OBEDIENCE IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE TEMPORARY REWARD OF SIN, GREATER THAN THE WORLD'S REWARD.**

**4. WITH THAT SAID, AS WE GO BACK TO V. 8, PAUL'S REGRET WAS ONLY FOR A WHILE, FOR WHEN HE LEARNED HIS LETTER CAUSED**

**REPENTANCE, WE WILL SEE THAT IN THE LONG RUN HE WILL REJOICE, NOT HAVE REGRET.**

**\* AND LET ME GIVE YOU A SUMMARY OF V. 8 WITH SOME MORE APPLICATION FROM JOHN MACARTHUR'S COMMENTARY ON II CORINTHIANS AND I QUOTE.**

**\*\* "SOMETIMES CONFRONTING SIN REQUIRES GOING BEYOND WHAT LOVE AND COMPASSION MIGHT BE COMFORTABLE WITH. BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO DO SO, BECAUSE SIN IS A DEADLY KILLER. PAUL WAS NOT AN ABUSIVE, HARSH DISCIPLINARIAN, BUT A RELUCTANT ONE, AND HE TOOK NO JOY IN CAUSING EVEN TEMPORARY SORROW TO THE CORINTHIANS. HE WAS LIKE A FATHER WHO HAS MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT DISCIPLINING A BELOVED CHILD. BUT WHAT MOTIVATED HIM TO WRITE THE SEVERE LETTER WAS HIS LOVE FOR THEM AND THE TRUTH, AND HIS FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR SIN. DESPITE HIS TEMPORARY REGRET, PAUL KNEW THAT**

**REBUKING THE CORINTHIANS' SIN HAD TO BE DONE.'"**

**\*\*\* AND PAUL WAS NOT INITIALLY COMFORTABLE IN CAREFRONTING THE CORINTHIANS, WITH HIS SEVERE LETTER, BUT IN THE END, IT WOULD BRING REJOICING.**

**\*\*\*\* LOOK AT V. 9 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR SECOND POINT TODAY, THE REJOICING.**

## **II. THE REJOICING, (READ V. 9)**

**A. NOW PAUL COULD REJOICE, HE COULD BE GLAD AND FILLED WITH REJOICING, NOT THAT THE CORINTHIANS WERE MADE SORROWFUL, BUT FOR THE RESULT OF HIS SEVERE LETTER, THAT THEY WERE MADE SORROWFUL TO THE POINT THAT THEY REPENTED OF THEIR SIN.**

**\* PAUL'S REGRET WAS TURNED INTO REJOICING WHEN HE SAW THE RESULTS OF HIS PAINFUL TEARFUL LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS.**

**\*\* BELOVED, THEIR SORROW LED TO REPENTANCE. THEREFORE THEIR SORROW WOULD BE TURNED INTO JOY.**

**\*\*\* AND NOTE THAT THEIR SORROW LED TO GENUINE REPENTANCE, REPENTERS WILL REPENT. FOR THE SORROW THEY HAD WAS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD; THEIR SORROW WAS THE TRANSFORMING HEALING SORROW FOR SIN THAT GOD WANTED THEM TO FEEL, BECAUSE IT PRODUCES GENUINE REPENTANCE.**

**\*\*\*\* AND THE WORD REPENTANCE HERE IN V. 9 LIT. MEANS A CHANGE OF HEART AND LIFE WHICH LEADS TO A TURNING FROM SIN TO PURITY AND HOLINESS.**

**1. THEREFORE, THE CORINTHIANS' SORROW WAS NOT THE SORROW OF "I GOT CAUGHT" NOR WAS IT THE SORROW OF SELF PITY OR WOUNDED PRIDE.**

**\* NO, THEIR SORROW WAS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD, IT LED TO WHAT GOD WANTED, IT LED NOT TO BEING DEFENSIVE OR SEEING THEMSELVES AS VICTIMS OR SELF-JUSTIFICATION, IT LED TO GENUINE BIBLICAL REPENTANCE, WHICH PAUL COULD REJOICE OVER.**

**\*\* IN FACT, THE CORINTHIANS REPENTANCE COMFORTED AND ENCOURAGED PAUL, FOR AT THE END OF V. 9 PAUL WAS RELIEVED THAT THEY MIGHT NOT SUFFER LOSS OF ANYTHING THROUGH PAUL HIMSELF AND HIS MINISTRY CO-LABORERS.**

**\*\*\* MEANING: THERE WERE MANY BLESSINGS GOD COULD POUR OUT ON THE CORINTHIAN BELIEVERS THROUGH PAUL'S MINISTRY.**

**\*\*\*\* HOWEVER, HAD THEY REMAINED UNREPENTANT AND ALIENATED FROM PAUL AND HIS MINISTRY CO-LABORERS, THEY WOULD HAVE FORFEITED THOSE BLESSINGS AND MOST LIKELY HERE, FUTURE REWARD.**

**2. FOR PAUL WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT HIS FUTURE LOSS OF REWARDS, BUT THEIRS. PAUL WAS NOT CONCERNED FOR HIS OWN BLESSING, BUT THEIRS.**

**\* AND IN ESSENCE, PAUL WAS HAPPY THEY TURNED AROUND, THAT THEY WOULD NOT SUFFER LOSS OF BLESSING IN THE PRESENT AND REWARD IN THE FUTURE.**

**\*\* SO PAUL'S REJOICING WAS OVER THEIR REPENTANCE AND REPENTERS WILL REPENT. THE FRUIT THAT SALVATION HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE CORINTHIANS' LIFE WAS THEY REPENTED.**



**\*\*\* AND PAUL COULD REJOICE THAT THE CORINTHIANS' REPENTANCE WAS REAL REPENTANCE, THE RIGHT REPENTANCE AS WE WILL SEE AS WE MOVE ON TO V. 10, THE RIGHT REPENTANCE. LOOK AT V. 10 FOR OUR THIRD AND FINAL POINT TODAY.**

**III. THE RIGHT REPENTANCE, (READ V. 10)**

**A. NOW THE CORINTHIANS' REPENTANCE GAVE EVIDENCE, MARKED THEM, SHOWED THAT THEY WERE GENUINE BELIEVERS.**

**\* IN OTHER WORDS, REPENTANCE IS AT THE VERY CENTER OR HEART OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE. REPENTERS WILL REPENT. A TRUE BELIEVER IN CHRIST IS A LIFELONG REPENTER, A REPENTING REPENTER.**

**\*\* AND RIGHT REPENTANCE COMES FROM A GODLY SORROW OVER SIN THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD.**

**\*\*\* AND IT PRODUCES A REPENTANCE WITHOUT REGRET WHICH IS THE RIGHT KIND OF REPENTANCE.**

**\*\*\*\* AND HERE IN V. 10, PAUL CONTRASTS GODLY SORROW, THE RIGHT KIND OF REPENTANCE, WITH THE SORROW OF THE WORLD.**

**1. AND THE SORROW OF THE WORLD IS SORROW WITHOUT REPENTANCE, WHICH CAN BE ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF JUDAS ISCARIOT IN SCRIPTURE.**

**\* AND JUDAS' WRONG REPENTANCE IS COMMUNICATED TO US IN MATTHEW 27:3-5 WHERE IT SAYS:**

**V. 3 – THEN WHEN JUDAS, WHO HAD BETRAYED HIM, SAW THAT HE HAD BEEN CONDEMNED, HE FELT REMORSE AND RETURNED THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS,**

**V. 4 – SAYING, “I HAVE SINNED BY BETRAYING INNOCENT BLOOD.” BUT THEY SAID, “WHAT IS THAT TO US? SEE TO THAT YOURSELF!”**

**A. 5 – AND HE THREW THE PIECES OF SILVER INTO THE TEMPLE SANCTUARY AND DEPARTED; AND HE WENT AWAY AND HANGED HIMSELF.**

**\*\* NOW JUDAS FELT THE STING OF HIS OWN GUILT, HE FELT REMORSE, BUT IT WAS THE SORROW OF THE WORLD WITHOUT REPENTANCE.**

**\*\*\* IT WAS THE REMORSE, I MADE A MESS OF MY LIFE, HIS HOPES WERE DASHED, HE FELT GUILT, THERE WAS EMOTIONAL REMORSE.**

**\*\*\*\* BUT HE DID NOT TURN FROM SIN TO CHRIST. HE MADE NO EFFORT TO DEFEND OR RESCUE JESUS, HE DID NOT TRY TO MAKE THE WRONG RIGHT.**

**2. JUDAS DID NOT CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT WHO JESUS WAS OR ABOUT HIS OWN NEED FOR SALVATION FROM SIN.**

**\* HE HAD SIMPLY BECOME AWARE OF THE WICKEDNESS OF WHAT HE HAD DONE AND WANTED RELIEF FROM HIS GUILT THAT TORMENTED HIM.**

**\*\* AND THE MONEY HE WANTED SO BADLY NOW BURNED IN HIS HANDS LIKE A HOT IRON.**

**\*\*\* THE REASON BEING AND GET THIS: SIN NEVER BRINGS THE SATISFACTION IT PROMISES.**

**\*\*\*\* INSTEAD OF HAPPINESS IT BRINGS GUILT AND SORROW AND INSTEAD OF PLEASURE IT BRINGS PAIN.**

**3. AND AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THAT, RATHER THAN TURNING TO CHRIST FOR FORGIVENESS, HE TURNED TO SUICIDE TO GET RELIEF FROM HIS GUILT, BUT WOULD FIND UPON HIS DEATH, NO RELIEF FROM GUILT, BUT ETERNAL DAMNATION, FOR DEATH DOES NOT RELIEVE GUILT.**

**\* AND JUDAS IS THE PERFECT ILLUSTRATION OF THE SORROW OF THE WORLD WHICH DOES NOT LEAD TO REPENTANCE.**

**\*\* HOWEVER, PETER'S REPENTANCE AFTER DENYING CHRIST 3 TIMES IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF GODLY SORROW.**

**\*\*\* FOR PETER WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY AND RETURNED TO THE APOSTLES AND AFTERWARD MET JESUS. AND PETER WAS RESTORED AND USED BY JESUS IN THE EARLY CHURCH.**

**\*\*\*\* HIS SORROW WAS A GODLY SORROW. HE HAD HUMILITY, ACKNOWLEDGING HIS LOVE FOR JESUS IN JOHN 21. PETER CHANGED AND HAD GODLY SORROW OVER HIS SIN.**

**4. SO THE SORROW THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD LIKE PETER'S PRODUCES A REPENTANCE WITHOUT REGRET, THAT GIVES EVIDENCE OF SALVATION.**

**\* AND RATHER THAN THE PHRASE IN V. 10 “LEADING TO SALVATION,” FOR THE WORD LEADING IS ADDED BY THE TRANSLATORS AND IS THEREFORE ITALICIZED IN SOME TRANSLATIONS, TO SALVATION IS THE IDEA HERE, THAT REPENTANCE BELONGS TO THE SPHERE OR REALM OF SALVATION, IT PROVES SALVATION, AGAIN EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A REPENTING REPENTER.**

**\*\* BUT THE SORROW OF THE WORLD THAT IS WITHOUT REPENTANCE, PRODUCES DEATH, DEATH FOR JUDAS PHYSICALLY AND ETERNALLY.**

**IN WRAP UP AND APPLICATION: (1) THE QUESTION CAN BE ASKED AT THIS POINT, ARE YOU A REPENTER?**

**\* THE CHRISTIAN LIFE BEGINS WITH REPENTANT FAITH IN CHRIST TURNING FROM SIN TO THE SAVIOR, AND THEN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CONTINUES WITH CONSTANT REPENTING, NOT TO BE SAVED, BUT BECAUSE WE ARE SAVED.**

**\*\* EVERY CHRISTIAN IS CALLED A REPENTER, BUT HE MUST BE A REPENTING REPENTER.**

**\*\*\* WE GROW MORE AND MORE AND SEE THE HEINOUSNESS OF SIN, WE ABHOR IT MORE AND MORE. WE LOSE OUR JOY WHEN WE SIN AND DON'T REPENT.**

**\*\*\*\* FOR TRUE CONFESSION OF SIN, TRUE REPENTANCE LEADS US TO AGREE WITH GOD ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR SIN.**

**(2) AND GODLY SORROW IN OUR LIVES LEADS TO ACTION, TO CHANGE, TO GODLY SORROW OVER OUR REBELLION AGAINST OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.**

**\* I MEAN WE CAN HAVE A FALSE TYPE OF REPENTANCE AS BELIEVERS BY ASKING OURSELVES, WHY DO WE FEEL BAD WHEN WE SIN?**

**\*\* IS IT SELF PITY OR SELF DISGUST? ARE WE UPSET AT OURSELVES FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN OR ARE WE MERELY UPSET?**

**\*\*\* ARE WE TROUBLED WITHIN BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN CAUGHT OR FOUND OUT AND HATE THE CONSEQUENCE OF THAT BECAUSE OF OUR PRIDE, OR BECAUSE IT HAS COME TO OUR HEARTS THAT WE HAVE LEFT OUR FATHER DOWN BADLY?**

**\*\*\*\* ARE WE SELF CENTERED OVER SIN'S RESULTS AND HOW IT AFFECTS US OR ARE WE GOD CENTERED AND ARE MORE CONCERNED HOW IT AFFECTS HIS GLORY AND HIS PROGRAM?**



**(3) AND THEN WHAT ARE THE RESULTS, TURNING TO SELF AND JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR WRONGS OR TURNING TO GOD AND CONFESSING OUR SIN.**

**\* IN SHORT, DOES OUR SENSE OF SORROW LEAD TO AN AMENDED CHANGED LIFE? ARE WE SORRY ENOUGH TO QUIT OUR SINFUL BEHAVIOR OR REGRET THE PAIN IT CAUSES AND JUSTIFY AND RATIONALIZE OUR SIN AND CONTINUE IN IT?**

**\*\* REMEMBER, TRUE REPENTERS WILL REPENT. WE MUST BE REPENTANT REPENTERS. IF WE ARE NOT, WE NEED TO TURN TO JESUS CHRIST IN REPENTANT FAITH TODAY. (LET'S PRAY)**