

Paul's Second letter to Corinth

- An emotional letter about the power of true repentance.
- His first letter was a letter of rebuke and condemnation.
- Paul said it was a difficult letter to write.
2Cor 2:4
- After it was sent Paul's concern grew.
- Problem with Silversmiths 2Cor 1:8-10

I Did Regret It

- **2Cor 7:8** Why did Paul regret it?
- Things had turned out badly at Ephesus
- Titus sent to Corinth but when he was not at Troas, Paul was alarmed. **2Cor 2:12-13**
- Paul took a ship to Macedonia, but by the time he reached Macedonia his heart was deeply troubled. **2Cor 7:5**
- Paul was not comforted until he met Titus and was given the good news. **2Cor 7:6-7; 13-16**



THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

ACTS 18:23-19:14

- City
- Site of the Seven Churches of Asia
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Roads

Paul's Joy due to Repentance

- The Fornicator repented! 2Cor. 2:5-11
- The entire church also repented. 2Cor. 7:
 - Paul's regret turned to rejoicing. 7:8-9
 - Sorrow from letter turned to repentance
 - Letter made sorry in a godly way.
 - Godly sorrow produced repentance to salvation not to be regretted. 7:10
 - Worldly Sorrow Produces Death.
 - Until Paul knew which no comfort.

Worldly Sorrow leading to Death

- Stephen's Sermon Acts 7:54,57-59
 - Cut to the heart
 - gnashed their teeth, stopped their ears
 - Rushed on him and stoned him.
- Abel's Sermon to Cain Gen 4:3-8; 16
 - God offered repentance
 - Cain chose to become angry
 - Killed the messenger,
 - Went out from presence of Jehovah.
 - Paul's fear when Titus didn't come.

Godly Sorrow leads to Repentance

- **Peters Sermon in Acts 2**
 - **When they heard this they were cut to heart :37**
 - **What shall we do?**
 - **Repent & be Baptized everyone one of you. :38**
 - **They that received his word were baptized. :41**

Godly Sorrow - Repentance

✦ II Cor 7:8-11

- Were made sorry after a godly sort.
- What diligence it produced
- What clearing of yourselves,
- What indignation,
- What fear
- what vehement desire,
- What zeal,
- What vindication!
- In everything you proved yourselves to be clear

This is what God is seeking

- ✦ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31

David – 2Sam 11:

- David's initial response - worldly sorrow.
 - David very sorry for the consequences.
 - Used human wisdom – did not return to God
 - Sought to deceive Uriah and entice him.
 - had Uriah killed to cover up his sin.
- Only led to a further estrangement from God.
- God sent Nathan to gain godly sorrow 12:1-14
- Psalm 32:1-11
- Psalms 51:1-4; 7-17

The Power of Repentance

- Three Parables in Luke 15
- One lost out of 100 sheep.
 - Leave the 99 and find the one
 - More joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. 15:7
- One Lost Coin out of 10
- Joy in presence of angels over repentance

The Power of Repentance

- ◆ Third parable: The prodigal son. Lk 15:11-13
 - A similar to Jesus' words to the chief priests and elders.
 - Man had two sons.
 - One chose open rebellion.
 - squandered father's possessions.
 - In the end, he "*comes to himself.*" Lk 15:17-24
 - This is the godly sorrow of 2Cor 7:8
 - Saw the terrible consequences and changed.

The Fruits of Repentance

◆ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 6 "Speak to the children of Israel: 'When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the Lord, and that person is guilty, 7 then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make restitution for his trespass in full, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged. Num 5:5-8

The Fruits of Repentance

- ◆ 8 But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong must go to the Lord for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him. Num 5:5-8