

(D1: The Heart, D2: The Home, D3: The Ministry) 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).

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*)