

# The Gospel According to Luke- Part 6

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## TITLE: REPENT

## PART 2

*Changing our minds*

**READ 2 CORINTHIANS 7:9-11**

### INTRODUCTION

*Godly sorrow is an interesting term that Paul uses in this passage a few times to express the idea of what repentance should look like. We tend to have a wrong idea of what repentance is because we have been taught that it is just turning away from sin. This is half-true and is certainly an aspect of repentance. We do not continue to pursue a sinful life but we are transformed by the renewal of our minds. (Rom. 12:2) This means that true repentance will have a turning away and a following of holy living that ends up sanctifying us. This is the initial intention of repentance but there is something more that comes with it that solidifies our desire to pursue Christlikeness and flee from all forms of evil.*

*This second aspect to repentance that gets left out of the traditional definition of turning away is the changing of one's mind about the sin that they are repenting of. It isn't enough to turn away from sin because sin will always be chasing us down and we will have to come up with various strategies to evade it. What must be done is a changing of one's mind and heart towards that sin. It must become detestable in our minds to even imagine allowing it to enter into our lives once again. We not only turn from the sin and run towards Jesus but, when there is repentance from a sin, we will have treated that sin in our minds and our hearts as vile and not worthy of our thoughts or our time.*

*The difficulty in this is that we tend to look back on our sin as a fun time that we are now obligated to miss out on. Much like Lot's wife as they fled from Sodom, we look back with a desire to return to the sin that made us feel good and brought us a hit of dopamine. Also, similarly to Lot's wife, when we look back at our sin with this heart it shows that we have not truly repented of it because we have not allowed God to show us how detrimental our sin is. We must allow God to convict us of sin and we must come to the understanding that sin is what separates us from the Lord and to do away with it means far more than just turning away but also a mind shift that allows us to view sin the way God does; as detestable.*

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### *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

1. What do you think is a good way to define “Godly sorrow”? How does Paul seem to define it in 2 Corinthians?
2. What does Godly sorrow lead to according to Paul? Why is this significant for us? What is the “sorrow of the world”? How does that sorrow lead to death?
3. Read Romans 12:2. What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? How does that line up with repentance?
4. What does it take to change our minds about our sin? How can we support one another as we try to become more Christlike in our response to sin? How can we help one another repent?
5. Why is it so easy to look at sin with longing instead of disdain? How can Jesus change our hearts and minds towards sin? Why is it important that we seek His help in this?

### *WRAP UP*

Sin was never meant to be the path that we took as humans. We have to deal with it because of what happened in the garden of Eden and there is only one way in which we can deal with sin in our hearts; Jesus Christ. He teaches us how to repent and He shows us what it means to follow Him above our desires. When we follow Him we are able to pursue righteousness as opposed of our own fleshly desires. This means that we won't look back with a longing desire but we will look up towards the God who saves us.