

Repentance

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 What is the result of sorrow over sin according to the will of God? When have you observed this?

What is the result of sorrow over sin of the world? When have you observed this?

Sorrow according to the will of God in relation to sin recognizes all sin as against the Holy God. David exemplified this in Psalm 51:2-4: "Was me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, And done what is evil in thy sight..." He sought and received forgiveness.

Sorrow over sin according to the Word is due to the consequences of sin, or not living up to one's own expectations, or sorrow over the shame of getting caught. Judas illustrates this: Matthew 27:3-5 "Then when Judas... saw that he had been condemned, he felt remorse... 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood'...and he went away and hanged himself." He did not repent, nor did He seek or receive forgiveness.

When you have been caught in major or recent sins, what sorrow and accompanying actions have you employed? Think about this carefully and summarize here.

Choose today to view sin rightly and to respond rightly: Godly sorrow and repentance. Record your prayer here. Include thanks for the certainty of God's forgiveness in response to godly sorrow and a change of will.
