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Title: A special letter

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

Remember:

- **Repent = change course**
- **Repentance is wedded to salvation**
- **It's a privilege to repent, and to be repentant**

Paul made readers sorry via a letter. We don't have that letter, but context tells us what he addressed in it.

Paul regretted the letter initially, but seeing how it made folks change their behavior, he no longer regretted it.

Instead, he rejoiced in that circumstance.

**Rebuking in this case worked out, and
Paul knew the ramifications: Proverbs
27:5-6**

What does it mean to repent? The Greek word *metanoian* (μετάνοια) means to fundamentally change course.

Acts 5:27-32; Luke 24:44-49

**God commands that all men everywhere
should repent: Acts 17:22-31**

**Paul made it clear that he preached
repentance to Jew and Gentile alike:
Acts 20:17-24**

Anyone who is a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has already repented — they have the correct view of their sin and the One who died for it. No longer are they cavalier about sin in their lives, or in others' lives.

**The ability to repent is a privilege that
God grants to us. God granted
repentance to the Gentiles: Acts
11:11-18**

**Being gentle in your approach can
remind you that God can grant
repentance to someone in opposition to
the gospel: 2 Timothy 2:24-26**

Remember what Paul mentioned? His readers were sorrowful to the point of repentance. Anything short is worldly in nature.

**The unrepentant have no compunction
— no guilt, no real conviction — about
their sin, and they live in rebellion to
God. Pray for them.**

**Jesus Christ told a group that they must
repent or else they would die in their
sin: Luke 13:1-5**

**Paul + Peter made the future of the
unrepentant clear: Romans 2:1-8, 2
Peter 3:3-10**

In closing: Paul's letter caused readers to change course regarding their lifestyle and their sin. That's what repentance is, and it's a privilege.

What should we do for those with unrepentant hearts? Pray earnestly that they believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness therein. Salvation and repentance are two sides of the same coin.

The Bible makes it clear that God Himself repented, but obviously not in the way that we do. How should we square that with who we know God is? We'll discuss it next week, Lord willing.