

## *"The Restoration of Repentance"*

Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • part 16  
2 Corinthians 7:5-16

---

### INTRODUCTION

- the destruction of sin  
1 Cor. 5:1-2, 11-13

### *1. Repentance restores relationships. (7:5-12)*

- God's answer to the prayers of restoration  
Rom. 8:28

- the means of that restoration

+ the purposed work of the Holy Spirit

+ two kinds of sorrow  
∂ worldly sorrow  
Rev. 16:10-11

Σ godly sorrow

"Genuine contrition for sin is sorrow for not having holiness. However, we must be careful here. Many a criminal will weep when his sentence is read, not because he has come to love righteousness, but because his freedom to do more unrighteousness is being taken away. To cry over the punishment for wrongdoing is no sign of hating wrong, but only hating pain. This is not true repentance, and does not lead to radical Christian obedience."  
– John Piper

- seven tests for true repentance (7:11)

+ earnestness =

+ vindication =

+ indignation =

+ fear =

+ longing =

+ zeal =

+ avenging of wrong =

- being a "repenting repenter"  
Acts 26:19-20; Rom. 8:13

"You and your sins must separate or you and your God will never come together. No one sin may you keep; they must all be given up..."  
– Charles Spurgeon

### *2. Repentance results in rejoicing. (7:13-16)*

3 Jn. 4

### CONCLUSION