

Series: A Thriving Heart

Title: From Brokenness to Beauty

Text: (2 Cor 7:11)

REPENT'ANCE: A Change of Mind - A Feeling of Sorrow

I. Repentance 1st step brings Reconciliation with God:

A. Repentance of Sin unto Salvation: (2 Cor 7:10)

1. John the Baptist Preached REPENT. (Matt 3:2)
2. Jesus Preached Repent: (Matt 4:17)
3. Recognize you are a sinner: (2 Cor 7:10)(Rom 3:23)
(Isa 53:6)(Isa 64:6)
4. Recognizing Your sin is against God: (Ps 51:4)
5. Requirement for Salvation: Peter at Pentecost:
(Acts 2:38)(Acts 3:19)

B. Repentance of Sin unto Revival:

The Definition of Revival:

1. Return, Recall, Recovery to life from death.
2. Return, Recall to activity from a state of Numbness.
3. Return, Recall, Recovery from a state of Neglect.
4. Renewed to active attention to religious devotion;

II. The Comfort God Gives. (2 Cor. 7:1-6a)

A. Grief of Spiritual Numbness is Real (2 Cor 7:2-3, 5)

1. Our Sin Grieves God: (Eph 4:28-30)
2. Our Sin Grieves Us: (1 Chron 4:10)
3. Our Sin Grieves Others: (Prov 10:1)(Prov 17:25)
4. True Repentance Necessitates Forgiveness: (Lk 17:3)
5. True Repentance Necessitates Forsaking of that sin
(Matt 3:8)(Prov 28:13)

B. God's Comfort is Real. (2 Cor 7:4-6)

1. (Heb 11:6)(Ps 16:11)(Ps 147:11)(Isaiah 58:14)

III. The Promises God Keeps: (2 Cor 7:6a)

- A. We don't face anything alone. (2 Cor 6:1)
- B. We have been joined to the Lord: (2 Cor. 6:16-17)
- C. He is our Father: (2 Cor. 6:18)(1 Jn 1:3)

IV. The Response God Desires: (2 Cor 7:6)

- A. Gifts of God's Grace: Repentance (2 Cor 7:7-11)
- B. Comfort of God's Grace: Reconciliation:(Rom 5:1-2)
- C. Beauty of God's Grace: Sanctification: (2 Cor. 7:11)

“For behold this selfsame thing,” (Vs 8-10)

“that ye sorrowed after a godly sort,”

True Contrition: (Ps 51:17)

Evidenced on the Day of Pentecost: (Acts 2:37-42)

“what carefulness it wrought in you,

Carefulness~Heedfulness; caution;

Ready to Heed God's Word.

Caution against breaking fellowship with God;

Vigilance, in guarding against evil that I am Prone to.

You must put in Safe guards in your life.

- a. Drunkard - don't go to a bar to buy a Coke.
- b. Gambling - Las Vegas is not Ideal Vacation Spot.
- c. Lust - a public Beach is Not Idea Vacation Spot.

“yea, what clearing of yourselves,”

Purifying by removing sinful things,

Purifying by removing incumbrances to spiritual growth,

Purifying by removing obstructions to spiritual growth,

Making evident who we belong too;
Cleansing our life;
Liberating ourselves from the power of sin;
Disengaging from Sinful behavior; (Is 26:3)

“yea, what indignation,”

Indignation: Holy displeasure at one's self for sin.
Being thoroughly disgusted with our sin.

“yea, what fear,”

Fear~Terror of the consequences of our continued evil

“yea, what vehement desire,”

(vs 7) ***“earnest desire” of Corinthians to see & please Paul***

(Vs 11) *“vehement desire”*

to Please God & be pleasing to God.

(Ps 9:10) *“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”*

The Realization of our Hope:

(1 Jn 3:22) *“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”*

“yea, what zeal,” - Eagerness to obtain the Favor of God.

(Prov 13:15)(Prov 14:9)

“yea, what revenge!”

To be so angry at our own sin,

“In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

See how Brokenness, lead to Repentance & led to Beauty:
(Psalms 29:2)(Psalms 96:9)(2 Cor 7:13, 15-16)

Peter referred to the Inner Godliness as Beautiful:
(1 Pete 3:3-4)

Paul's Cry over his sin - bring about God's Joy of Forgiveness

(Romans 7:24-25)(Psalms 32:1-2)(Romans 4:7)

2 Realities:

- A. I am the Chief of Sinners: (1 Tim 1:13, 15)(Eph 3:8)
- B. I am a saint, Holy and dearly beloved: (1 Cor 15:8-11)
- C. I Have Unclean Lips: (Is 6:5)
- D. BUT My Sins are Atoned for: (Is 6:7)
- E. I am the Debtor of 10k Talents: (Matt 18:24-27)

God Makes 2 Calls:

Repentance - Faith

- A. “Come & Die” (Mark 8:34)

Repentance - Fellowship

- B. “Come & Dine” (Isaiah 55:1-2) (Phil 1:6)

“Being confident of this very thing...”

Prepare for Revival.

Bring back too Feeling that which has gone Numb.

1. Return, Recall, Recover to life that which has died.
2. Return, Recall to Feeling the parts that have gone Numb.
3. Return, Recall, Recovery our Walk with God from a state of Neglect.
4. Renew to active attention to Daily Devotions;
An awakening of men to their spiritual concerns.