

Repentance: Drawing Near to God

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret... - 2 Cor. 7:9 – 11

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:8 – 9

Worldly sorrow comes about because of the unwelcome consequence of sin. Godly sorrow is that heartfelt grief over rebellion against God that leads to a decisive turn-around in our behaviour.

- Scott Hafemann

Sermon Outline:

1. Repentance begins with godly sorrow over sin, followed by our confession to God.
2. Repentance requires a change in our thinking, followed by change in our behaviour.
3. Repentance is an intentional decision, followed by a process of renewing our core beliefs.
4. Repentance is a positive removal of a barrier, followed by renewed intimacy with God.

Notes from *The Lent Experience Journal*
(Challenge #3: Repentance)

- The challenge this week is to set aside 30 minutes to engage in the discipline of repentance.

CONFESSION = ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/AGREEMENT

REPENTANCE = TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

Set aside a 30 minute block of time.

Pick your day, time and location. Then . . .

1. **Ask God**, in your own words, to shine His light into your life and help you to see things for what they really are.

2. **Use the following Scriptures to take inventory about the sin in your life.**
 - The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
 - Holy Spirit vs. Sinful Nature (Galatians 5:16-26)
 - Am I a Loving Person? (1 Corinthians 13)

3. **Confess.** Are you willing to be honest with God?

Will you acknowledge and agree with God? Talk to Him about that.

4. **Repent.** Are you willing to make the choice to think and act differently? Think about that and talk to Him about it. Write some things down.