

THE POWER OF REPENTANCE
II COR. 7;8-11

Introduction:

- A. The opening of the New Testament age began with a call to repentance.
 - 1. "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
 - 2. Preached by John and Jesus.

- B. Repentance is a necessary religious experience.
 - 1. Israel was challenged to repent, Jew.
 - 2. Nineveh was called to repent, Gentile.

- C. Paul had written to the church at Corinth and called them to repentance.
 - 1. They had tolerated an incestuous relationship to exist in the church.
 - 2. "his father's wife."
 - 3. This letter had, "made them sorry."
 - a. v8.
 - b. sorry = lupeo - to cause pain, to make sorry.
 - c. season = horan - for an hour.

I. WHAT IS REPENTANCE? V9-10

- A. It is more than being sorry.
 - 1. "Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance."

- B. It is connected with God.
 - 1. "for ye were made sorry after a godly manner."
 - 2. You felt pain in the way of God's will.
 - 3. What Paul wrote did not damage them.
 - a. "that ye might receive damage by us in nothing."

- C. True repentance brings people to a relationship with God. v10

1. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of."
2. This is not true of false repentance.
 - a. "but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

II. THE POWER OF REPENTANCE. V11

A. They had repented.

1. "for behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort."

B. Seven definite results of their repentance.

1. carefulness = spoude - an earnest and serious purpose.
2. clearing of yourselves = apologia - a speech in defense, verbal defense.
3. indignation = aganaktesis - physical pain, because of the shame brought on the church.
4. fear = phobos - fear, (of God).
5. vehement desire = epipothesis - longing.
6. zeal = zelos - stirred up.
7. revenge = ekdikesis - vengeance, punishment, perhaps beringing the guilty to justice.

C. It had all worked.

1. "In all things ye have approved your selves to be clear in this matter."
2. You have completely wiped away reproach from yourselves in this matter.