

## 悔改的果子(2)：憂傷痛悔的心，神必不輕看

背誦經文：因為敬虔的憂傷(**godly sorrow**或作：依著神的意思而有的憂傷)，會生出沒有後悔的悔改來，進而引進救恩；但世俗的憂傷卻是叫人死(林後7:10另譯)

### A) 真實的悔改不僅是救恩的入門，也是神兒女們一生之久經常該有的經歷

#### a) 真實得救的信心一定包括『悔改』

『認罪』(Confession)與『悔改』(Repentance)是大不相同的。『認罪』可能只是承認有罪，但是『悔改』卻包括了脫罪的存心與行動，它包括了：1) 『脫離』罪；2) 『轉向』救主耶穌基督

#### b) 真實的悔改必然有悔改的果子相稱：是明顯可見的，且是出自於生命的改變

- ...應當悔改歸向神，行事與悔改的心相稱。(徒26:20b)
- 真實悔改的例子：弗4:28
  - 1) 徹底的脫離罪：從前偷竊的，不要再偷
  - 2) 成為對的人、做對的事：總要勞力，親手做正經事
  - 3) 被神使用，成為祝福的出口：可有餘分給那缺少的人

### B) 真實的悔改必然帶進更深的救恩經歷

- 神所要的祭就是憂傷的靈；神啊，憂傷痛悔的心，你必不輕看。(詩51:17)：主耶穌所舉之『法利賽人和稅吏禱告』的例子(路18:9-14)
- 10 ...敬虔的憂傷(**godly sorrow**或作：依著神的意思而有的憂傷)，會生出沒有後悔的悔改來，進而引進救恩；但世俗的憂傷卻是叫人死 (**For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.**) 11 你看，你們依著神的意思憂傷，從此就生出何等的殷勤、自訴、自恨、恐懼(或作：儆醒 *alarm*)、想念(或作：渴望 *longing*)、熱心、自責...(林後7:9-11)

### C) 神是公義且滿有恩典與憐憫的神

- 我們若認自己的罪，神是信實的，是公義的，必要赦免我們的罪，洗淨我們一切的不義。(約壹1:9)
- 你們要撕裂心腸，不撕裂衣服。歸向耶和華—你們的神；因為祂有恩典，有憐憫，不輕易發怒，有豐盛的慈愛，並且後悔不降所說的災。(珥2:13)
- 因為那至高至上、永遠長存，名為聖者的如此說：我住在至高至聖的所在，也與心靈痛悔謙卑的人同居；要使謙卑人的靈甦醒，也使痛悔人的心甦醒。(賽57:15)

The Fruits of Repentance (2): A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Memorization Scripture: For **godly sorrow** produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

A) The real repentance is not only the beginning of salvation, but also an usual and life-long experience for the children of God.

a) A real saving faith inevitably includes repentance

Confession and Repentance are totally different. Confession only means admitting one's sin. But repentance includes both intentions and actions. It includes 1). turning away from sin; and 2). turning toward Savior, Jesus.

b) Repentance bears fruits being worthy of it. Moreover, the fruits of repentance come out of transformation. It's evident.

- ... that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. (Acts 26:20b)
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. (Psalm 51:17): “The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector” given by Jesus (Luke 18:9-14).
- Example of real repentance: Ephesians 4:28
  - 1) Turn away from sin completely: Let him who stole steal no longer
  - 2) Become the right person and do the right thing: but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good
  - 3) Be used by God and be a vessel of God's blessings

B) A real repentance inevitably brings about a deeper experience of salvation.

- 10 For **godly sorrow** produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but **the sorrow of the world** produces death. 11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. (2 Corinthians 7:9-11)

C) God is righteous and full of grace and mercy.

- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)
- So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. (Joel 2:13)
- For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (Isaiah 57:15)