

## GODLY SORROW

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There are different catalysts for sorrow. It could be illness or bereavement. It could be pain or suffering. It could be an unpleasant end to a close friendship. The apostle Paul spoke of a particular kind of sorrow that each must possess when we commit sin...

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

-2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow is the type of sorrow we experience when we realize that the wrong we have done is a sin against God. This sorrow stems from a good, properly taught conscience. If a thief gets caught and put in jail, he may sorrow over the fact that he got caught and put in jail. This isn't godly sorrow, it's worldly sorrow, and will not lead to repentance. If anything, it will lead him to be more careful not to get caught the next time. We must feel godly sorrow when we sin, repent of that sin, and ask God to forgive. 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO...

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The world defines happiness and being blessed in a much different way than the child of God would. We speak of having a nice home, plenty to eat, and lots of good friends, and this is being blessed. It truly is, but these blessings are limited to the here and now. There is a state of blessedness that supersedes the blessings temporary things of this life can offer. The truly blessed man is the one who...

**Steadfastly Walks.** The truly blessed man is the one who obeys the Gospel, becomes a Christian, and serves the Lord faithfully thereafter (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 5:8-9; Revelation 2:10). “Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:59). If we're steadfastly remaining faithful to the Lord, we know our labor is not in vain. That is, we will be rewarded with eternal life. To have this living hope within us gives us a sense of contentment and blessedness that nothing in this world could ever offer.

**Shuns Wickedness.** The man who is overcome with wickedness is tortured by his conscience and sense of what is right and good. The life of a sinner is hard in this way. But the one who overcomes temptation and shuns wickedness will not only avoid trouble in this life, but will also have rest and blessedness in his spirit. “Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him” (James 1:12). When faced with temptation, remember your crown of life, and the fact that you do not want to jeopardize it.

**Shines Well.** Shining as lights in a world of sin and darkness always gives us a sense of satisfaction and blessedness. We are to “Shine as lights in the world” striving to be harmless and blameless (Philippians 2:15). Jesus and Peter taught that if we let our lights shine, we may lead others to the Lord through our good works which they observe (Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12). Few things can make us feel as blessed as knowing that a sinner has been converted, and saints are remaining faithful due partly to the holy life we lead. 🔍

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# ANSWERING BIBLE QUESTIONS

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Question: "As christians, we are to make confession when we sin. Should every sin we commit be confessed before the church?"

It is correct that as children of God we sometimes commit sin, just as Simon did (Acts 8:14-22). And when we sin, it is imperative that we confess those sins, rather than to deny that we have sinned. "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 us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9). John was writing to Christians here, and when Christians sin, they must be confessed.

James adds, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another..." (James 5:16. Jesus indicated the need for confession of sins in Luke 17:4, "And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." When he returns saying he repents, this is a confession of that he has sinned.

There is no question that as Christians we sin, and we must confess these sins; but what is the nature of the confession(s)? Should every sin we commit be brought before the church? I know of no passage that indicates such. The command is to confess, the nature of that confession should be determined by the nature of the sin.

If I have sinned in a public way, a way in which many could know about it, it certainly should be confessed publically. We do not want the doctrine of God to be blasphemed. The community may know of this sin, and they need to know that it was dealt with properly by the church, lest we give those in the world an opportunity to speak evil of the church by allowing unrepentant sinners to continue in our fellowship.

But many sins we commit are of a private nature. For example, if I have an evil thought, no one knows about it but me and God. I should therefore confess this to myself and God and ask for His forgiveness. And he will forgive (1 John 1:9).

If I have sinned against a brother, I should confess to that brother. He would then forgive me, the matter would be closed, and there would be no need to "Tell it to the church" (Matthew 18:15-17).

It is a fact that the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. It is a fact that we are tempted every day, many times a day, to commit sin. It is a tragedy when we do give in to temptation and sin. But it a great blessing that when we do sin as God's children, God invites us to confess that sin and once again be cleansed. May we all have the courage to admit to ourselves that we have sinned, and to take the necessary steps to receive God's forgiveness. 🔍

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Ben Reagh  
Reading: Jeremiah 38:7-13
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
  - Serve.....Kenny Todd
  - Serve.....John Nelson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table.....Ben Reagh

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

***Obey Today!***

**Thank You For Serving!**

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