

Restore to Me the Joy of Your Salvation

2 Corinthians 7:5-16

Be assured in your salvation, by knowing:

- GUILT that God intends is GOOD, because it leads to REPENTANCE.
- Biblical REPENTANCE is REALLY GOOD, because it leads to SALVATION.
- God's SALVATION is GREAT, because it leads to a CHANGED life.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Psalm 51:1-12. Why is it important to acknowledge sin, and to know our sins are '**against**' God?
2. **Someone share the story of David's sin, or read 2 Sam 11:26 – 12:18.** What do you think David did with his guilt in the period before he repented? What effect did it have on him? (Psa 32:1-5 also)
3. Read 2 Cor 5:21 and Heb 5:22. What happens to our sins when we trust Christ for salvation? What happens to our guilt and shame? How can these realities affect our thinking? (See also Psa 103:10-14)
4. Read 2 Cor 7:8-11. What are some changes in our hearts and lives that give testimony of real repentance and salvation? What other verses in Scripture might apply?
5. If we have a friend or acquaintance (school, work, or anywhere) **that expresses feelings of guilt or remorse for something they've done**, how should we counsel them? How might your counsel differ what the world wants us to believe about sin and guilt?
6. Do you ever experience guilt? Can it affect your joy? How do we tell the difference between conviction and condemnation (Rom 8:1), and how do we respond accordingly?
7. What kind of joy can **come from experiencing God's salvation?** Can you be assured in your salvation? How? What verses speak to this?