

# THORNS INTO GLORY

## REPENTANCE

2 Corinthians 7:1 – 16

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## MESSAGE NOTES

### 2 Corinthians 7:1 – 16

*“Repentance is turning from sin to God.” — Repentance*

*“Repentance is a genuine grief over our sin before God that leads to a deeper life in Christ.” — Repentance*

#### Reasons Repentance Splashes Out Joy:

- **Repentance brings cleansing.**

*Since we have these promises, **beloved**, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, **bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.** — 2 Corinthians 7:1 (ESV)*

- **Repentance brings comfort.**

*But God, who **comforts** the downcast, **comforted** us by the coming of Titus, and not only by his coming but also by the **comfort** with which he was **comforted** by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. — 2 Corinthians 7:6 – 7 (ESV)*

*For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it — though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were **grieved into repenting.** For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. — 2 Corinthians 7:8 – 9 (ESV)*

*“You cannot stay where you are and go with God.” — Henry Blackaby*

*“Without throwing anyone under the bus, can you give me your insights into this situation and many more like it that happen in other churches?” Without blinking an eye, he responded, ‘... in these situations, there is either truth, humility and repentance or there is deceit, pride and sin. And until the first three are a reality in all parties, there can’t be full healing.’” — Converge Responds (August 14, 2018)*

*For the sorrow that is according to the will of God **produces a repentance without regret**, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. — 2 Corinthians 7:10 (NAS)*

- **Repentance brings confidence.**

*And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. I rejoice, **because I have complete confidence in you.** — 2 Corinthians 7:15 – 16 (ESV)*

- **Repentance brings celebration.**

*Therefore we are comforted. And besides our own comfort, **we rejoiced still more at the joy** of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. — 2 Corinthians 7:13 (ESV)*



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What team sport do you most enjoy and why? If you have never participated in sports, what is one you would want to try and why?
- Pastor Jon mentioned that the best confession is a “team sport.” What do you think he meant by that?
- Share the Good News of how someone can begin a relationship with God by trusting in Jesus Christ as their Savior?
- What does it mean that both our sin and our righteousness splash on the people around us? Share an example.
- What did Henry Blackaby mean when he said, “You cannot stay where you are and go with God.”
- Give some examples of people who followed Christ and their choices of obedience splashed joy on those around them.