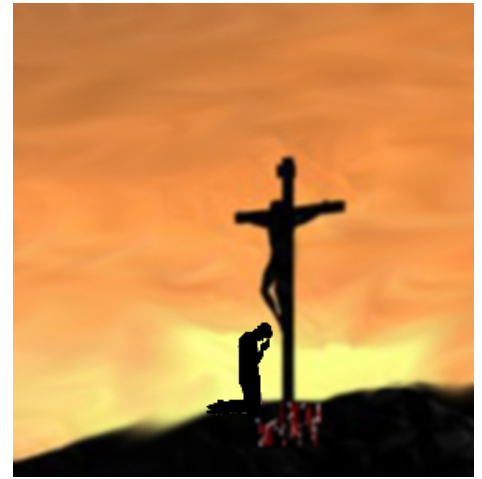


"For godly sorrow worketh (accomplishes) repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2 Corinthians 7:10 KJV

The phrase, "I'm sorry," has nothing to do with sorrow. It means discomfort. "I'm sorry I've been caught! I'm sorry for your pain. I'm sorry I did that. I'm sorry for your loss." Godly sorrow produces sadness we grieved God, abhorrence of sin, and a determination to never do it again. Repentance is a forsaking; *"not to be repented of..."* You do not just sorrow until the incident is over, but are continually watchful not to repeat the sin, because the anxiety of separation from God's favor deeply saddens you. If you are truly sorrowful with Godly sorrow, it leaves you



weeping at the feet of the Saviour who died to save you! You can truly say with Apostle Paul, *The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*" The suffering which sin caused our Lord should be ever present in our memory to prevent another fall. Not that we won't sin, because *"sin doth so easily beset us. [But] a just man falleth seven times and riseth up again."* When you do fall, you'll get up every time! Evil bombards us; commercials, sitcoms, sports, "friends," and etc. We absorb worldly talk-show wisdom and even laugh at immoral sitcom perverts and vulgar comedians! Do you think God is laughing? Do you think God is pleased with your indulgence and comfort concerning evil? *"God is ANGRY with the wicked EVERY DAY!"* What one generation tolerates the next abuses. *"Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these Words...shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."* What are you teaching your children? Evil seeps into our lives like water into a leaky boat which requires constant bailing to stay afloat. Fix the leaks in your life with obedience and seal it with Truth. *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, WE LIE, and do not the Truth: If we say that 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. Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments (Word). He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in Him."* Water will run out of the bottom of a moving speedboat through the drain plug in the rear, but will fill the boat if left open when stopped. Remove sin with obedience through faith in God's Word!

Forgive me Lord where I have erred,
When unbelief my faith impaired,
O cleanse my soul and make me clean,
And let not sin beset unseen. ~CGP

You can't hoist the sail or steer if you're constantly bailing. You may stay afloat, but you'll still be floating downstream! The wicked aren't even in the boat. They are floating in wickedness and enjoying it. Rescue as many as will come and work together to avoid the falls. Without obedience plugging the leaks AND Truth filling our sails of faith, sin will sink us!

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 KJV