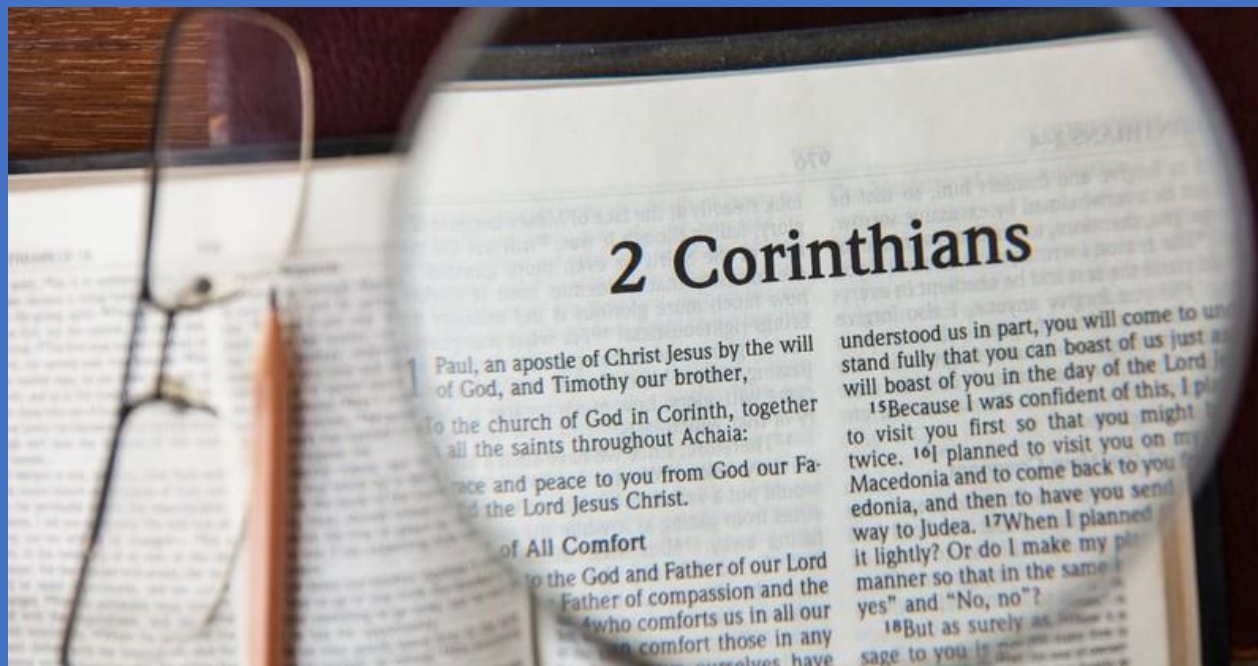






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- Greek = metanoia; literally “after thought.”
- It suggests the idea of thinking about a deed after the commission of it.
- In the case of a sinful action, repentance requires a retrospection of the act and a subsequent feeling of sorrow for having committed the sin.



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- Repentance demands more than just regret!
- “Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of conduct!” **(J.W. McGarvey)**
- “Repentance involves more than being sorry for the wrong act. This is beyond dispute. True repentance includes sorry but also a resolve to stop the wrongful conduct, replacing it with godly living.” **(Wayne Jackson)**



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- There is also a change of heart!
  - *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” (Psalm 51:17)*
  - If you are truly repentant, you apprehend the offense your sin is to God.
  - When you understand that you have sinned against God, the only proper response is sorrow — to have a broken spirit and a contrite heart.
  - It is that broken spirit and contrite heart that motivates you to change course and return to God in faithfulness.





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Rather than being angry with the messenger or looking for some excuse or someone else to blame, one who has genuinely repented knows the blame belongs with themselves.

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Bearing fruit in keeping with repentance, they had made things right and could no longer be held to blame for the sin they had committed!

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