

# The Gospel Herald

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## Godly Sorrow

*“For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of:  
but the sorrow of the world worketh death” (II Corin. 7:10).*

*Beloved of God, how often have you heard the plea to “repent” by the Neo-evangelical New School, soul-saving endeavors of the missionaries?*

*I must confess, I was one that proclaimed this very message in years gone by as a young missionary zealot, until the revelation of Gods sovereignty caused me to see that “repentance” was not a effort of the creature by a natural desire nor a mere guilty conscience. The Bible reveals that “Godly Sorrow”, that sorrow that is initiated by Gods Holy Spirit can only cause true repentance that manifest a divine CHANGE which shall be evidenced. As recorded in the Acts of the apostles, “Him (Christ) hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to GIVE REPENTANCE to Israel, and the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:30).*

*“Then hath God also to the Gentiles GRANTED REPENTANCE unto life” (Acts 11:18).*

*The GIVING and GRANTING of REPENTANCE is a divine work of Gods sovereign and free grace. Godly repentance is not merely a evidence of being guilty of sin alone, but is evidenced by a WILLINESS to change from the lifestyle of sin and the dominion thereof. For a repentance that does not manifest a desire and will to change from the path of sin that brought the sorrow of sin, is merely a worldly sorrow that the scripture says, “worketh death.”*

*Who shall repent according to the scripture record? “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness: but is longsuffering to “USWARD” not willing that any (of the usward) perish, but that all should come to REPENTANCE” (II Peter 3:9).*

*Dear ones, this particular scripture verse above is one of the most popular used among the work monger soul saving lot. Supposedly expressing that God does not want ANY TO PERISH, but beckons all mankind to come to REPENTANCE! If one will examine*

*the context of which it is written it will open a grand revelation of gospel truth. For this epistle was addressed "to them that have obtained like precious faith" (II Peter 1:1), therefore, the context is to the brethren in Christ and NOT to the general realm of mankind as some attempt to apply. So, the word "USWARD" is emphasizing the believer in Christ Jesus. As the text continues, God IS NOT WILLING that any (USWARD) perish, but that all (the USWARD) should come to REPENTANCE. God being Almighty and unlimited in his sovereign purposes is WILLING that ALL his elect, called, chosen, appointed, ordained, and predestined heirs of free and sovereign grace shall be MADE TO REPENT!!! As God is the first cause, the poor and lowly sinner is CAUSED to repent by the operation of Gods beckoning Spirit of which NO MAN shall reject when called by the Good Shepherds voice. The Lords dear flock, chosen of the Father before the foundation of the world shall come as the beloved Son calls, as Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow (don't try to) me" (John 17:27).*

*Yes, dear beloved of God, repentance is the work of grace brought about by the Spirit of God. This "work of repentance" is not of works least any man can boast just as the attributes of faith and grace itself.*

***"The Lamb is exalted repentance to give, that sin may be hated, while sinners believe; contrition is granted, and God justified, the sinner is humbled, and self is denied.***

***Repentance flows freely through Calvary's blood, produced by the Spirit and goodness of God. The living possess it, through faith, hope, and love, and own it a blessing send down from above.***

***All born of the Spirit are brought to repent; free grace can make adamant hearts to relent. Repentance is granted, God's justice to prove; Remission is given, and both from his love.***

***The vilest of sinners forgiveness has found, For Jesus was humbled that grace would abound; Whoever repents of his sin against God, shall surely be pardoned through Calvary's blood".***

*(Gadsby Hymnal #239)*

*Respectfully submitted,  
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