

## The Marks of True Repentance - Psalm 51

### Introduction

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. *1 Corinthians 7:10*

### I. Genuine repentance trusts in the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (v.1-2; 7-10)

- a. God's Grace - "Be Gracious" \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Steadfast Love (*hesed*) \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Psalm 25:7; Psalm 130:7; Ps 136; Psalm 138:2 Isaiah 54:10

*It is at the cross where we see God's lovingkindness, His steadfast love, His New Covenant promise that Christ's perfect life has been imputed (applied) to us. This is the gospel, but it is the gospel that we need to remember and apply every day of our lives. (cf. 2Cor 5:17-21)*

- c. Compassion \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 44:21-23** "Shout for joy...for the LORD has done *it!*"

### II. Genuine repentance does not \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Transgression (vv. 1,3) – \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Iniquity (vv. 2, 5, 9) – \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Sin (vv. 2, 4, 9) – \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Evil (v. 4) – \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Blood guiltiness (v. 14) – \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Genuine repentance expresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (v. 4)

David does not \_\_\_\_\_ himself, he \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### IV. Genuine repentance renews \_\_\_\_\_ in salvation (vv. 8, 12, 14)

Guilt keeps us in a pattern of joylessness (cf. Ps 32:3-4)

David's \_\_\_\_\_ was not lost because he \_\_\_\_\_, David \_\_\_\_\_ because he had already lost his \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

*"The enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied."* Jonathan Edwards

### V. Genuine repentance leads to a focus on \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13)

*People are not looking for perfect lives, they are looking for how God has met us through Christ in our sin, in our brokenness, in the same struggles of daily life that they are experiencing.*

### VI. Genuine repentance produces genuine \_\_\_\_\_ from a broken \_\_\_\_\_ heart (vv. 15-17)

... as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things. *2 Corinthians 6:10*

*My next step today is ...*