

11 Corinthians 2:1-11 And 7:6-13 A Sorrow That Heals And A Sorrow That Kills **4/12/2026**

Romans 8: 28 One of those “things” can be sorrow.

There is a sorrow that leads to healing , but a deadly sorrow that kills.

Ex. Cop- T.V. show about arresting criminals. One criminal wailed so loud about his misdeeds that the cop could not call it in on the radio. You would think a great conversion was taking place, according to the emotion shown.

Question: So what kind of sorrow did he have? It could be these:

Feeling very sad, regret, that I got caught. No good

Sorry that the fun thing I did had such dire consequences. No good

Sorry that my whole life has been self-focused, and not Christ-centered. This latest event is just another example of my selfish life, and I need to trust Christ with my life. Very good

Text Intro: 11 Cor. written to prepare them for a third visit. The second visit was painful as they had not done so well in handling a situation in the church, at the first.

Situation: A prominent antagonist of Paul was leading a minority of people against Paul and his teaching. This was not the situation in I Cor. 5. This was something very much against Paul himself.

Ex. 3rd John 1:9 – Diotrephes

Text: The whole story of a “good” sorrow.

2: 1-6 Fellowship was withdrawn from the man till something changed. Some wanted stricter correction, but once he truly repented, what would be the point?

Restore him, since he has truly repented; changed his mind and proved it by his actions, not emotional displays only. Gal. 6:1/ I Thess. 5:14

Church today? People do not repent; they just move to another church because real family of God fellowship means very little to them.

2: 7-11 The matter was closed to Paul. The church had handled it.

Question: How do you know a matter is not settled to you, even if the person has corrected? If you refer to the event years later and the emotion is so vivid that everybody knows you have not forgiven them. The same emotion as if it had just happened. No review, no reflecting on the grace shown to you when you should have been exposed and corrected, but nobody knew about it.

Ex. Woman with a great voice would not sing for the church because somebody hurt her feelings. Somebody said to her, "Miss SO-AND-SO sings better than you!"

"Pain and sorrow untransformed is pain and sorrow transferred."

2:11 Unlike Paul, we ARE ignorant of Satan's schemes! We fight against flesh and blood instead of defeating the enemy behind the person. **Eph. 6:12.**

We seem unable to step back, calm down, and pray and see the reality.

Unity in Christ is the final security against Satan.

11 Cor. 7:6-11 The rest of the story.

Metamelomia= sorrow

Metanoeo = change the mind

Ex. Matt. 26:75 Peter's sorrow

Matt. 27:3-5 Judas' sorrow

A "snapshot" of each of those moments might make one think the men were the same, but time showed a godly sorrow leading to repentance (Peter), and then Judas who felt sorrow over the way it turned out, but not a godly sorrow at a deep level.

Judas' grief led to his physical and spiritual death.

Ex. Esau- Hebrews 12:15-17 Sorry for the consequences, never repented of the roots of sin in his life and became embittered. The unrepentant always talk about the details of the situation at hand and not the larger picture that screams of a self-focused life, separated from God.

1. Some Satan destroys through a sin. **2.** Some Satan destroys through an unrepentant attitude about their sin. **3.** Some Satan destroys thorough the unmeasured sorrow felt by the person who cannot let it go that they really messed up. Self-flagellation does not work; in fact it is an attempt to do a "work" of your own to feel loved and worthy again.