

In the WORD Podcast Ep. 17 Show Notes

2 Corinthians 7:10 - 11 (NLT)

¹⁰For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

¹¹Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong. You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right.

- *Salvation means we share the Father's life, but separation means that we fully disconnect ourselves from sin and our former lifestyle.*

1 John 1:6 - 7 (NASB) ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- *Too often Christians deal with symptoms and not causes. We keep confessing the same sins because we have not gotten to the root of the trouble and "cleansed ourselves." Perhaps there is "filthiness of the flesh," some pet sin that "feeds" the old nature (Rom. 13:14).*

Romans 13:13 - 14 (NASB) ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

Perfectionism

Q. How can we become perfect?

A. In this life, we certainly cannot be completely flawless, but we can aspire to be as much like Christ as possible because we have the Spirit of Christ within us.

1. We are to separate ourselves from the world's sinful values.
2. We are to be devoted to God's desires rather than to our own and carry his love and mercy into the world. We can achieve Christlike character and holy living.
3. Daily we must grow toward maturity and wholeness. Just as we expect different behavior from a baby, a child, a teenager, and an adult, so God expects different behavior from us, depending on our stage of spiritual development.

Monday Morning Moment *"Now that we know better, let's do better!"*

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) ¹³I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.