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Repentance  
is a beautiful thing.

I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while.

Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to **repent** and change your ways.

It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way.

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# SORROW OVER SIN

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RELIGION

I am sorry for how my sin affects me.

# SORROW OVER SIN

GOSPEL

I am sorry for how my sin displeases  
and dishonours God.



# AFFECTS OF MY SIN

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RELIGION

I do not hate the sin for itself  
but only as it affects me.

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## GOSPEL

I hate the sin for what it is,  
how it affects me and others,  
and the cost God had to pay  
to rescue me from its power over me.

# BASIS FOR MY REPENTANCE

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## RELIGION

Religious repentance is fear based.  
It is driven by my fear of the consequences  
to me of my sin.

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## GOSPEL

Gospel repentance is love based.  
It is driven by my relationship with God.

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## RELIGION

Fear-based repentance  
makes me hate myself.



# CONSEQUENCES

GOSPEL

Joy-based repentance  
makes me hate the sin.

# GOAL FOR REPENTANCE

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## RELIGION

I repent to keep God happy  
so he will continue to bless  
me and answer my prayers.

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## GOSPEL

I repent to tap into the joy of  
my union with Christ  
to weaken my impulse to do  
anything contrary to God's heart.

# APPROACH TO FORGIVENESS

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## RELIGION

I try to earn my forgiveness  
through my repentance.

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## GOSPEL

I receive forgiveness earned by Jesus.  
It would be unjust for God to ever deny me  
forgiveness because Jesus earned my  
acceptance through his life and death for me.

# PLACE OF HOPE IN REPENTANCE



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## RELIGION

When my hope is in my moral goodness  
it is difficult for me to repent.  
It infers that I am far from God.

# PLACE OF HOPE IN REPENTANCE

## GOSPEL

Because my hope is in Jesus' righteousness  
I do not find it traumatic to admit  
my weaknesses and failures.

# HOW SECURITY DRIVES MY REPENTANCE

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## RELIGION

My relational security is found in my personal goodness so repentance is an enemy that tells me I am not good enough. Consequently, I avoid repentance.

# HOW SECURITY DRIVES MY REPENTANCE

## GOSPEL

My relational security with God is found in Jesus, so repentance is a posture I hold because it brings joy in my walk with God.

# MY PERSPECTIVE ON REPENTANCE

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There is bitterness in repentance because I find myself either constantly denying my sins and flaws, and so I push aside the need to repent, or I am constantly being reminded of how I fail to be good enough.

# MY PERSPECTIVE ON REPENTANCE

## GOSPEL

There is a sweetness in repentance because the more I see my flaws and sins the more precious and electrifying and amazing is the grace of God.



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