

If you fill your heart with what it does to God as opposed to what happens to you, you truly remove sin's power over you.

The Apostle Paul writes in the New Testament:

For 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.

2 Corinthians 7:10

III. The Power of Repentance

...according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion...

Psalm 51:1

David killed the things that were killing him :

Because he didn't look primarily at punishment, he didn't look primarily at fear of consequences, or what he was losing, he looked primarily at God and the

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God's unfailing love that's the _____.

Your assurance of forgiveness is found centuries later

Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery:

"Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more."



Part 15:

The Path Back David's Repentance

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1

I. The Call of Repentance

What is Repentance?

Repentance is killing the habits of your heart that are you killing you without killing yourself. Author and Pastor Tim Keller

II. The Components of Repentance

1. I have to make up _____ concerning right and wrong.

Against you, you only, have I sinned Psalm 51:4

David is saying,

"I have not sinned in my parents sight, or I have sinned in my nations sight, or my friends sight, or I sinned in the sight of the political correctness of my day. I have sinned in your sight, LORD."

2. Take full _____

with your will.

Against you, you only, **have I sinned** Psalm 51:4

There is no, “I have sinned, but.....”, in David’s confession.

Contrast his confession with Adam and Eve’s.

Adam said, “Yes I sinned, **but** the woman you gave me asked me to eat it.”

Eve said, “Yes I sinned **but** the serpent deceived me.”

3. In your heart realize you’ve primarily _____

Against **you, you only**, have I sinned Psalm 51:4

Look at David’s confidence in the latter half of Psalm 51

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

... 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

18 May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
Psalm 51:13,15,18

How did David get his confidence back, to teach others, to praise God, and to lead his people, Israel?

He came to a _____ his sin but not _____ himself.

Psalm 51 isn’t a theological paper it is a _____.

David doesn’t focus on the consequences of His sin,
he focuses on the sin against God.

IF you focus on the consequences of your sin you’re thinking about the harm to yourself, you’re filled with self-pity.