

# Revisiting a Lost Word

(2 Corinthians 7:9-11; 2 Samuel 12;  
Psalm 32; Psalm 51)

## I. Introduction: Where did repentance go?

**II. Defining Repentance:** The Greek word for “repentance” is “metanoia” which means “a change of mind.” As metanoia is used in the New Testament, it always speaks of a change of purpose, specifically, a turning from sin. In the sense that Jesus used it, repentance calls for a repudiation of the old life and a turning to God for salvation.

## III. It Really Must Be Important

- A. Jesus (Matthew 4:17)
- B. John the Baptizer (Matthew 3:1-2)
- C. The Apostles (Acts 2:37-38; 3:19; Acts 20:21; 26:20)

## IV. The Heart of True Repentance (2 Samuel 12:1-13; Psalm 32:1-5; and Psalm 51:1-17)

## V. Two Sorrows, Two Results (2 Corinthians 7)

- A. Diligence
- B. Vindication (clearing of yourselves)
- C. Indignation
- D. Fear
- E. Longing (vehement desire)
- F. Zeal
- G. Vindication (avenging of wrongs)