

## God Commands Repentance (Part 4)

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- **Earnest care** – Haste (with care) to correct sin. cf. Acts 8:20
- **Clearing** – (*apología*) means "to give an answer or speech in defense of oneself" (*The Complete Word Study Dictionary*).
  - Diligent change answered critics
  - 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 7:14; Matthew 5:16

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- **Indignation** – Enraged over sin.  
cf. Genesis 39:9
  - All sin is against God. 2 Samuel 12:9,14; Psalms 51:1-4; Luke 22:61-62
- **Fear** – Dread of not pleasing God.  
cf. 1 Corinthians 5:6  
NOTE: 2 Corinthians 5:11 – Sin has consequences.

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- **Longing** – Earnest desire to do and be right. cf. 2 Corinthians 7:7; Luke 15:1-2,17-18
- **Zeal** – Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect.
  - Eager to help others. Romans 9:1-3; 10:1ff

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- **Avenging** – Sin no longer tolerated
  - Revenge not taught. (Romans 12:17-19)
  - 1 Corinthians 5; cf. 2 Corinthians 2:6
- **Approved yourselves to be pure** – Pure in the matter, free from blame.

## Efforts to Avoid Repentance

- Deny the existence of sin.
- Deny personal guilt. **1 Samuel 15:13,15**
- Transfer responsibility for sin. **Ezekiel 18:20**
- Cover up sin. **2 Samuel 11**
- Harm those who expose sin. **Matthew 14; Mark 6; cf. Galatians 4:16**

## **God's Solution To Sin**

*Acts 2:38 "Repent ye, and  
be baptized every one of  
you in the name of Jesus  
Christ unto the remission  
of your sins ..."*