

CONFESSION

JAMES 5:16



DEFINITION

To acknowledge

To own or admit as true

To declare or acknowledge

To make confession, plead guilty



DEFINITION

Admission

Acknowledgement

Declaration of guilt

Greek: “exomologeō”

Full, frank, open confession.



OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 5:5

Numbers 5:6-7

Joshua 7:19-20

Nehemiah 9:1-3

Psalms 32:3-5

Psalms 38:17-18

Psalms 51:3-4, 6,
10, 17

Proverbs 28:13-14



NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 3:6

John 12:42

Acts 19:18

Romans 10:9

James 5:16

1 John 1:9



REPENTANCE?

To: be sorry

Ask for forgiveness

Feel sorrowful/remorseful

Feel pain/regret

To change one's ways



REPENTANCE?

Matthew 3:2

It's because of repentance that
confession is made



WORLDLY/GODLY

2 Corinthians 7:8-12

Is there a right/wrong way to feel sorry?

Worldly: expressing regret over lost opportunities, circumstances, embarrassment.



WORLDLY/GODLY

Sorrow = Repentance = Mercy =
Fresh Start.

We need to feel guilty when we are
guilty.

Luke 15:11-32



WORLDLY/GODLY

Godly grief doesn't blame someone else but rather

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.” (Psalm 51:1-2)



WORLDLY/GODLY

To often we categorize/soften sin

Romans 10:9 – What about

confessing Jesus before men?

Our sin and willingness to live in
sin makes God angry.



WORLDLY/GODLY

2 Corinthians 7:11 – “For see what **earnestness** this godly grief has produced in you, but also what **eagerness** to clear yourselves, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **longing**, what **zeal**, what **punishment!**...”



GODLY GRIEF

2 Corinthians 7:10 – “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”





And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue **CONFESS that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11)**