

Pt. 3 Repenting of Our Sins

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2nd ... It refers to mourning over the loss of our spiritual integrity in relationship to God.

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Statement #2... Mourning is an intense spiritual experience where I lay my faults before God understanding that my sin is spiritual decay, disease, and death.

Statement #3... "Mourning" allows us to recognize our own sinfulness and equips us to change - this is called "repentance" throughout the Bible.

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1. Mourning Demonstrates Personal Responsibility

1) I Blame No One But Myself ... Rom 7:24; James 1:14

2) I Have Fallen Short of God's Standard ... Psalm 51:4; Rom. 3:23

3) I Am Willing to Change... Acts 3:19

2. Mourning Demonstrates Spiritual Maturity

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1st ... a statement of fact - *I have hidden your word in my heart*

2nd ... a statement of purpose - *that I might not sin against you.*

2) The Mind of Christ Becomes My Conscience 1 Cor. 2:14-16

3. Mourning Demonstrates Community

3 specific ways we find community

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2) With Fellow Believers

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