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Repentance
Part II:
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Repentance is Amazing

- Godly Sorrow → Repentance → Salvation (1 Cor 7:10)
- Freedom from slavery to sin (Romans 6:15-23)
- Freedom from fear of death (Hebrews 2:15)
- Power of Satan → Power of God (Acts 26:18)
- rejoices over repentance
  - Luke 15:7 “I tell you their will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who do not need to repent.”
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Yet, Not Everyone Repents

• “He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)
  – Not all the Jews repented (Acts 5:31)
  – Not all the Gentiles repented (Acts 11:18)
  – Not all “opponents” repented (2 Tim 2:24)

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(Psalm 51)

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YOU ARE THAT MAN!!!
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“to show someone his sin and to summon him to repentance.”

—William Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, Frederick W. Danker and Walter Bauer,
A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature
REPROOF vs. REBUKE
ELENCHO vs. EPITIMAO

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But Elencho is a much more pregnant word; it is so to rebuke another, with such effectual wielding of the victorious arms of the truth, as to bring him, if not always to a confession, yet at least to a conviction, of his sin (Job 5:17; Proverbs 19:25), just as in juristic Greek.
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