

“Therefore also now,” saith the LORD, ‘Turn Ye Even To Me With All Your Heart,’ and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is Gracious and Merciful, slow to anger, and of Great Kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.” Joel 2:12-13^{no2} KJV



Why is it so hard to apologize? Because it means admitting to a fault, and no one likes to say they were wrong. But where does the standard of good and evil originate? *“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law: for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, ‘Thou shalt not covet.’”* God’s Word is the standard of Right for without it we would not know what sin is. *“Sin is the transgression of the Law.”* What law? God’s Word. We must first admit sin to ourselves before we can admit it to God. We must see our words or actions as the disobedience, sin, they are against God. repentance is changing one desire to another. We change our desire from disobedience to obedience of God’s Word. Why does it hurt us when our beloved is displeased with us? Because their love and favor is our desire. It’s called, love. If it doesn’t hurt you when you know you’ve displeased God, if His Love and Favor are not your desire, you neither love nor know Him. You cannot know God or what He desires unless you read and study His Word. A love letter is never read just once, because its words are pleasing to the reader; it is the communication of one heart to another. Each time it is read, it touches a kindred desire in the heart of the reader; love. *“We love Him, because He first Loved us.”* How do we know He Loves us? His written Declaration! *“Yea, I have Loved thee with an Everlasting Love: therefore with Lovingkindness have I drawn thee. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him.”* If you don’t obey God, you don’t fear Him, but when you do, it may be too late.

Turn to God with all your heart,
Let His favor not depart,
Let His Word your life control,
And your life will be made whole. –CGP

“I Did It My Way” is one of the most blasphemous songs ever recorded against a loving God! We always have God’s Forgiveness if we repent and turn back to Him, but if we continue our own way, *“the end thereof are the ways of death;”* eternally without God!

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our Peace was upon Him; and with His Stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:5-6 KJV