

**Songs:**

Your Grace Is Enough  
God With Us  
It Is Well (with My Soul)  
Jesus Is Better

**Title:**

Gospel Grace for Relational Difficulties

**Text:**

II Corinthians 7:2-16

**Main Point:**

The Gospel calls for and empowers genuine reconciliation.

**Major Points:**

1. Paul makes a heartfelt appeal.
2. Paul teaches on true repentance.
3. Paul rejoices with small progress.

**Quote 1**

*"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." - II Timothy 4:3-4*

**Quote 2**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."  
- II Corinthians 5:17*

**Quote 3**

"Sorrow in itself is not repentance; neither is remorse, nor self-condemnation, nor external reformation...These are all (parts), but repentance itself is a turning from sin to holiness...It is a real change of heart. It is a change of views, feelings, and purposes, resulting in a change of life."  
- Charles Hodge

**Quote 4**

Come, brothers and sisters, plunge with me into the pool of holy sorrow. Well you may, for think how some of you have been favored by sovereign grace. Think how God called you out of the depths of sin; how long and how patiently He bore you! Some of you were converted when you were sixty or seventy years old; can you ever love Him enough, and can you ever grieve enough because you lived so long in sin? And you who were converted when you were but boys and girls, can you ever bless Him enough for calling you so early?...The more mercy we have received, the more sorrow for sin should we feel; the more love, the more delight we have experienced, the more lamentation should we make that ever we should have sinned, and that we should be so prone to sin again even after we have been forgiven...The more your joy in the Lord, the deeper will be your lamentation." - Charles Spurgeon

**Quote 5**

"The only sorrow for sin that is worth having is that which brings me to yield myself up to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to accept God's mercy in God's own way. If you have any sort of sorrow for sin, which does

not lead you to believe in Christ, away with it! Away with it! A repentance that does not repent at the cross, is a repentance which will have to be repented of; but true sorrow for sin must be blended with childlike submission to God and consequent confidence in Christ; otherwise, it is not 'godly sorrow'.

- Charles Spurgeon