

The Joy and Comfort of Godly Repentance and Reconciliation 2 Corinthians 7:5-16

Key Words and Themes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affliction • Comfort • Grief/Grieve • Godly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repenting/Repentance • Regret • Rejoice • Obedience |
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BIG IDEA: Biblical reconciliation requires biblical repentance.

(This is true in both salvation/conversion and sanctification/Christian living.)

I. Paul reviews **affliction** and God's **comfort** in the process of biblical reconciliation. (7:5-7; **2:13**)

II. Paul explains why he does not **regret** the **grief** that his "severe letter" had brought to the Corinthian believers. (7:8-9; **2:1-4**)

Timeline Review:

- Paul's 1st visit to Corinth and the planting/establishing of the Corinthian Church (**Acts 18:1-17**)
- Paul leaves for Palestine via Ephesus (**Acts 18:18-22**)
- Paul returns to Ephesus on his 3rd Missionary Journey (**Acts 19**)
- Paul's 1st letter to Corinth (**1 Cor. 1:11; 5:9—written from Ephesus**)
- The Corinthians write a letter to Paul with six questions (**1 Cor. 7:1, 25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1, 12**)
- Paul's 2nd letter to Corinth ("**1 Corinthians**"; **1 Cor. 16:3-10**)
- Paul's 2nd visit to Corinth is a "painful" visit (2 Cor. 2:1, 8-11; 7:12; 10-11; Acts 20:1-2)
- Paul's 3rd letter to Corinth ("**A Severe Letter**"; **2 Cor. 2:3-4, 12-13; 7:5-16**)
- Paul's 4th letter to Corinth ("**2 Corinthians**"; **2 Cor. 7:7; 13:1-2**)
- Paul's 3rd visit to Corinth was in the works and seems to have taken place (**2 Cor. 13:1-2; Romans 15:25-27**)

- III. Paul distinguishes between **godly grief** and worldly grief. (7:10-13a; **2:6-11**)
- IV. Paul rejoices in the visible and ongoing fruit of biblical **obedience**, **repentance**, and reconciliation in the lives of the Corinthians. (7:13b-16)

OBSERVATIONS/QUESTIONS

IMPLICATIONS/APPLICATION

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LOOKING AHEAD: *Next section is 2 Cor. 8:1-9:14 (“The Grace of Christian Giving”).*