

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Important reconnections from Paul's digressions are resumed:

1. 2:12-14 – Paul looked for Titus in Troas but pushed on into Macedonia resumed 7:3
2. 2:5:5-11 – The sinner that has upset the church by coming against Paul resumed 7:12

7:1 – Promises purify our thoughts.

“Let us” – Paul is not preaching down to the Corinthians “you others should.”

Promises of God's Word effect:

- A. Corrupt flesh – alter physical behavior - correct wrong deeds
- B. Corrupt minds – philosophical thinking – correct wrong thinking
(Note: in Col. 2:5 and 1 Cor. 5:3 Paul says he is absent in body, but present in spirit which could be a reference to him being philosophically present through the teaching they had.)

7:4 – Paul has joy

7:5 – Paul has conflicts and fear

Macedonia – This account began in 2:12-13. There has been a digression between 2:14 and 7:4. Paul had hoped to meet Titus in Troas after Paul had fled from Ephesus after the riot. When Paul did not find Titus in Troas he pressed on into Macedonia

7:6 – Titus and his good report brought comfort to Paul because the Corinthians:

- A. Longed for Paul
- B. Deep sorrow
- C. Ardent concern for Paul

7:8 - Third Letter is the “sorrowful letter that hurt Corinthians, made Corinthians sorry and led to Corinthian church repentance concerning their attitude toward Paul.

7:10 – Godly Sorrow – Pain strikes the soul, sorry for sin, failure and not being godly. Able to receive divine grace and recover.

Worldly sorrow – sorry for pain, embarrassment, guilt, penalty. Unable to receive God's grace because it just wants to be free from pain. Worldly sorrow will return to sin.

7:11 – Godly sorrow “produced” or “brings out”:

- A. Earnestness or diligence
- B. Eagerness to clear yourself and defend yourself
- C. Indignation and anger
- D. Alarm and reverence
- E. Longing and a bottomless appetite
- F. Concern and love
- G. Readiness to see justice and vengeance on evil

7:13 – Titus happy

7:15 – Corinth obedient. Corinth had received Titus with fear and trembling

Paul boasted about the Corinthians to Titus and he is pleased with their response to Titus' presence.