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2 Corinthians 7: Repentance That Leads To Salvation

I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. ...Come out from them and be separate, touch no unclean thing and I will receive you...

*I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters...
(2 Corinthians 6:16-18)*

Read 7:1-16

(1) Since we have these promises, let's strive to do right.

(2-4)

Isn't it amazing to have fellowship together with others committed to Christ? Isn't it awesome to serve and obey Christ with the home group you are in?

(5) *For when we came into Macedonia...*



Why was Paul going into Macedonia? Who was Titus?

(5-7)

How was Paul encouraged?

(8-16)

Repentance: A heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, and a sincere commitment to forsake it and walk in obedience to Christ.

Paul didn't relish his job being a disciplinarian, but he loved them. He was their true friend. He cared about them, their walk with Christ, and their representation of Jesus to the world.

*Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses. (Proverbs 27:6)*

See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. (2 Corinthians 7:11)

See what this godly sorrow has produced in you... (2 Corinthians 7:11)

1. Maybe at the beginning the church in Corinth were just indifferent about their sinful behavior, but now they were concerned about what they were doing.
2. They took resolute action not to justify or excuse themselves, but to clear themselves of any further guilt or blame in all matters Paul had written about.
3. They had indignation towards themselves about allowing such a thing to go on for so long without acting against it.
4. They had a fear of the Lord – no desire to be disciplined.
5. They were deeply concerned to make matters right and probably specifically to repair things with Paul.
6. They had zeal (readiness) for the glory of God, the restoration of the sinner, for their own cleansing...
7. They did all they could do to make things right.

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation... (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Wrong ways to think about repentance and godly sorrow:

1. Yeah, I sin. God knows we all sin, so He doesn't care.
2. I sinned, but I don't really feel bad about it.
3. I repented already. I don't need to do it again.
4. I feel bad and that is all God wants me to do.
5. I am the most wretched horror that has ever existed, and God cannot forgive me.

Right ways to think about repentance and godly sorrow:

1. My sin is actually against God.
2. I broke His perfect Law. I grieved a good and gracious God. I slighted Jesus whose love is tender and never-ending. I acted ungrateful to God by sinning this way - even though I am loved, chosen, redeemed, forgiven, justified, and soon to be glorified. I have broken closeness with the Holy Spirit.
3. I'm going to turn away from that behavior and make things right with any I have offended.
4. I will joyfully accept salvation by grace.
5. I will pursue future obedience.
6. I want to keep following Christ and stay on the right path.

No HOME GROUP Questions this week.