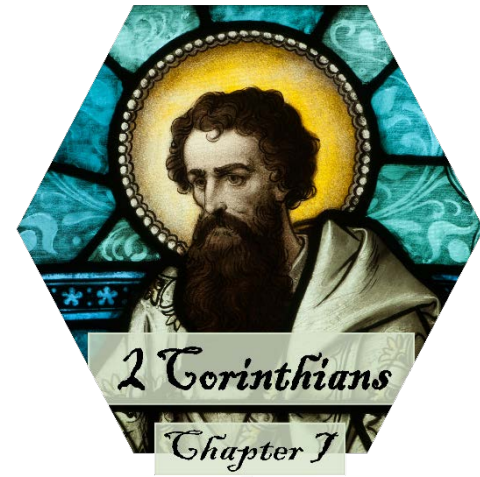


2 Corinthians – Chapter 7



Author: Paul

Date: 55 A.D.

Purpose: for the Corinthians to rebuild trust in Paul as God's Apostle

Theme: Strength in weakness

God's love completes us

Read 7:1

- † What are the “promises” referred to in verse 1?
 - See 1 Corinthians 6:16-18
- † How do we cleanse ourselves?
- † What does sanctification mean, and how does this verse apply?

In it together

Read 7:2-4

- † Paul picks up a theme from the beginning (1:12). What commandment addresses this issue?
- † How deep should the Christian bond of fellowship be? (vs 3)
- † Why is Paul “acting with great boldness” toward these Corinthians? (vs 4)
- † Do you find joy in the progress and building up of others?

Away from sin...to salvation

Read 7:5-12

- † Where is Macedonia, and why was Paul there?
 - See 2 Corinthians 2:13
- † Persecution was part of daily life for Paul (vs 5). What about our daily lives?
- † Have you ever been at a low point and God provided good news of someone returning to Him to lift your spirits? (vss 6-7)
 - See Luke 15:7
- † Is calling someone to repentance more important than remaining friends?
- † What is at stake if the Corinthians reject the call to repentance?
- † How does God use the Law to move people to repentance? (vss 9-10)
- † What is “worldly grief”? (vs 10)
- † The purpose of the painful letter was to show the earnestness of the Corinthians toward Paul. What does this mean? (vss 11-12)
 - See 2 Corinthians 2:17; 4:2; 12:19

You came through!

Read 7:13-16

- † Do you ever boast about or build up others in a godly way? What commandment do we break when we refuse to find joy in the success of others?
- † Have you ever recommended someone or something and been let down? How did that feel?
- † Verse 15 speaks of obedience. To whom?
 - See 2 Corinthians 10:5