

Lesson 7

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

- **Questions**

1. How did Paul conclude his argument concerning living a life separated from sin (7:1)?
2. What did Paul call upon the Corinthians to do toward him and why (7:2)?
3. What was Paul's intention in writing to the Corinthians and how did he feel about them (7:3)?
4. What showed Paul's genuine affection for the Corinthians (7:4)?
5. What happened to Paul when he came into Macedonia and how did he feel when he was there (7:5)?
6. Who comforted Paul and what role did Titus play in this comfort (7:6-7)?
7. What mixed emotions did Paul have about the letter (not 2 Corinthians) he wrote to the Corinthians and what did this letter do to them (7:8)?
8. What did the Corinthians' sorrow lead them to do (7:9-10)?
9. What are two kinds of sorrow and what is produced by each one (7:10)?

10. What were the signs or effects of the Corinthians' genuine godly sorrow and repentance (7:11)?

11. What was the real aim of Paul's epistle that produced sorrow in the Corinthians (7:12)?

12. How did Paul and Titus feel as a result the of Corinthians' repentance (7:13)?

13. What did Paul say to Titus concerning the Corinthians (7:14)?

14. How did Titus feel about the Corinthians and why (7:15)?

15. How did Paul feel about the Corinthians (7:16; compare with 7:4)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the promises that Paul speaks of in 7:1?

2. What, if any, is the difference between flesh and spirit in 7:1?

3. What relationship does 6:11-13 have with 7:2-4? What may have been Paul's purpose in writing 6:14 – 7:1 and placing it in between 6:11-13 and 7:2-4?

4. What did Paul say previously in this letter about how he felt about the Corinthians (7:3)?

5. Where is Macedonia in relationship to Corinth and where in the book of Acts is this occasion referenced (7:5)?

6. How did Paul feel before (2:12-13) and after (7:6, 13) he arrived in Macedonia?

7. What relationship does 2:1-11 have with 7:5-12? What thoughts are similar in these two passages?

8. What epistle of Paul is referenced in 7:8 (some call it a “severe letter”) and what situation at Corinth is being referenced in 7:9-12?

9. What do each of these words (found in the KJV) mean: carefulness, clearing, indignation, fear, vehement desire, zeal, revenge, and clear (7:11)?

10. What is involved in true repentance based upon a study of 7:8-11?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Let us perfect holiness in the fear of God (7:1). Where does holiness come from (Eph. 4:24)? What are people on earth told to do (Rev. 14:7)?

2. It is important to maintain an “open” heart toward the brethren (7:2-4). What are brethren to do one toward another (Rom. 12:10)?

3. God comforts us in difficult times through the work of other faithful Christians (7:5-7). What does God use to comfort people (Acts 9:31; 16:40; Rom. 15:4)? Who was a comfort to Paul besides Titus (Col. 4:10-11)?

4. It is good to be made sorrowful if that “godly sorrow” leads us to repentance and salvation (7:8-10). What shows that a person is truly repentant (Mt. 3:8)? Are some people past repentance (Heb. 6:6)?

5. Let us avoid simply having a “sorrow of this world” (7:10). Who was sorrowful but didn’t change his life and follow Jesus (Mt. 19:22)?

6. We must do all that we can to be completely be clean and clear of sin in our lives (7:12). What was the Psalmist’s attitude toward sin (Psa. 19:13; 32:5; 119:133)?

7. Christians should feel joy one toward another (7:13-16). What did Paul and the Philippians do (Phil. 2:17-18)?