

Compassionately Corrected

2 Corinthians 7:2-11
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2 Corinthians 7:2-8

Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one.

^[3] *I do not say this to condemn you; I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you.*

^[4] *I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.*

^[5] *For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn— conflicts on the outside, fears within.*

^[6] *But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,*

^[7] *and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.*

^[8] *Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—*

I. The RESPONSE of Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:9

Yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.

A. The RESPONSE of worldly sorrow is RESENTMENT

1 Peter 3:9

Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult, but instead bless others because you were called to inherit a blessing.

B. The RESPONSE of Godly sorrow is REPENTANCE

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

II. The RESULT of Godly Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

A. The RESULT of worldly sorrow is DEATH

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B. The RESULT of Godly sorrow is REDEMPTION

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

III. The REASON for Godly Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:11

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.

A. The REASON for sorrow is not sorrow ITSELF

1 Peter 1:6

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

B. The REASON for sorrow is RENEWAL

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Challenge: REPENT and experience
His RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Question:
What will your response be?