

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 136—2 Corinthians 7

Introduction: Paul completes the first section of this epistle by a passionate plea for the Corinthians to return his love. Paul describes how the Corinthians' repentance had caused him to be comforted, to rejoice, and to regain his confidence in them.

Lesson aim: To show the features and effects of true repentance.

Paul appeals to the Corinthians to make room in their hearts for him—2 Cor. 7:2-16

1. What did Paul appeal for the Corinthians to do? (v. 2) What three things did Paul say he and his fellow-workers had not done?
2. Was Paul's purpose in saying these things to condemn? What was his purpose? (v. 3)
3. What effect had the Corinthians' repentance had on Paul? (v. 4)
4. Describe Paul's situation when he came into Macedonia (v. 5). What was it in particular that caused Paul to be comforted and to rejoice? (v. 6-7)
5. Did Paul now regret having sent a letter of rebuke to the Corinthians? (v. 8) Explain your answer.
6. Had the letter caused the Corinthians sorrow? (v. 8) For how long? What did this sorrow produce in the Corinthians? (v. 9-10) What resulted from this repentance?
7. Describe the things that godly sorrow produced in the Corinthians. Define what each one means.
8. So, in a sense, Paul's letter was not written for the sake of the offender or the offended, but for what purpose? (v. 12) Who do you think the "offender" was? Give reasons for your answer.

9. What impact had the Corinthians had on Titus? (v. 13) What affect did this have on Paul?
10. Had Paul boasted of the Corinthians to Titus? Was Paul put to shame by how the Corinthians acted toward Titus?
11. How did Paul describe Titus' affection toward the Corinthians? What did he remember about his work in Corinth? (v. 15)
12. This whole period of disobedience and repentance had made Paul have what attitude toward the Corinthians? (v. 16)