



REVIEW

- The section of 2 Corinthians we have been in and continue in through 7:16 is about Paul's apostolic ministry
 - It is a ministry of a glorious covenant
 - His ministry is from God
 - God makes Him sufficient
 - If one honestly and without prejudice examines his words and deeds, they will not find fault

REVIEW

- True or False: Paul was troubled both outside and inside when he came into Macedonia.
 - True, 7:5
- Who had Paul expected to find in Troas?
 - Titus, 2:13, 7:6
- Did Titus bring good news about the Corinthians' reception of the first letter?
 - Yes, 7:7-8

REVIEW

- To what kind of sorrow did the first letter lead the Corinthians?
 - Godly sorrow, 7:10
- What does godly sorrow produce?
 - Repentance unto salvation, 7:10

HIGH-LEVEL SUGGESTED OUTLINE

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Paul's conduct in the light of the apostolic ministry (1:3-7:16)
- III. Instructions regarding the collection for needy saints in Jerusalem (8-9)
- IV. Addressing the enemies of Christ (10-13)

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PAUL'S CONDUCT IN THE LIGHT OF THE APOSTOLIC MINISTRY (1:3-7:16)

- I. Deep concern for the Corinthians (1:3-2:13)
 - A. Sincere Behavior (1:12-14)
 - B. Explaining change of plans and dealing with charge of fickleness (1:15-22)
 - C. Sparing the Corinthians a painful visit (1:23-24)
 - D. Why Paul wrote the former letter (2:1-4)
 - E. Reclaiming the penitent (2:5-11)
 - F. Anxiety in Troas (2:12-13)

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PAUL'S CONDUCT IN THE LIGHT OF THE APOSTOLIC MINISTRY (1:3-7:16)

- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
 - A. The apostles – true ministers of Christ (2:14-17)
 - B. The Corinthians are Paul's letter of recommendation (3:1-3)
 - C. Paul, as God's minister of the new covenant, is made sufficient by God for this task (3:4-6)
 - D. The glory of the new covenant (3:7-11)
 - E. The reason for Paul's boldness (3:12-18)

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- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
 - F. The character of the apostles (4:1-6)
 - G. The apostles' confidence and steadfastness (4:7-5:10)
 - H. The apostles' conduct and motives in their ministry (5:11-15)
 - I. Overview of the apostle's ministry (5:16-19)
 - J. Paul, an ambassador of Christ (5:20-6:2)
 - K. Paul's credentials (6:3-6:10)
 - L. A plea for mutual affection from the Corinthians (6:11-6:13)

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- II. The Apostle's Ministry of the New Covenant (2:14-7:16)
 - M. Exhortation to be separate and holy (6:14-7:1)
 - N. A final plea for the Corinthians to open their hearts (7:2-3)
 - O. The joyous news from Titus of the Corinthians' repentance that gives Paul confidence in them (7:4-16)

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2 CORINTHIANS 7:10-12

THE FRUITS OF REPENTANCE

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. {11} For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. {12} Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.”

2 CORINTHIANS 7:13-16

TITUS BROUGHT JOY AND REASON FOR PAUL TO HAVE CONFIDENCE

“Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. {14} For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. {15} And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. {16} Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.”



TAKE AWAYS

- Not all sorrow related to sin is the same. There is sorrow of the world and godly sorrow. Godly sorrow has God in it.
- Godly sorrow produces repentance. Repentance is a change of mind followed by a change of action.
- Repentance is unto salvation – 7:10
 - Belief is unto salvation – Romans 10:10
 - Confession is unto salvation – Romans 10:10
 - Baptism is for salvation – 1 Peter 3:21
 - All are necessary for salvation, but one is not in Christ until he is baptized into Christ - Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3

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INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE COLLECTION FOR NEEDY SAINTS IN JERUSALEM (8-9)

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Paul's conduct in the light of the apostolic ministry (1:3-7:16)
- III. Instructions regarding the collection for needy saints in Jerusalem (8-9)
 - A. The example of the churches of Macedonia
 - B. Encouragement and instruction to complete their gift
 - C. Preparations and precautions for the carrying of the collection

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2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5

THE EXAMPLE OF THE CHURCHES OF MACEDONIA

“Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: {2} that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. {3} For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, {4} imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. {5} And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:6-9

MOTIVATING THE CORINTHIANS TO COMPLETE THIS WORK

“So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. {7} But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. {8} I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. {9} For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”