

2 Corinthians 7

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7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (Shed the sins, perversions, false religions, and get right with God) (Claim the promises of salvation, directly from God)

²Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. (Paul taught them the whole truth and nothing but the truth – in God's Word)

³I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you. (Teaching people to get rid of sins and perversion is not done to condemn or abase them. Tough love is a good method of open peoples' eyes to do the right thing by God; not by politically correct people)

⁴Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. (The sufferings that Paul endured to teach them and bring them into God's light was well worth the effort)

⁵For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. (Paul first entered into Corinth, facing great opposition and fear from the people)

⁶Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; (The words "cast down" do not mean catabole. They mean to be abased, demeaned and forlorn)

(God gave them comfort and the strength that they needed)

⁷And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. (Titus told Paul that the people finally wanted to repent and get right with the Word of God. This was a great lifter of Paul's spirit and his joy)

⁸For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. (Paul's first epistle to them was tough love. He was pretty hard on them in order to get their attention)

⁹Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. (Paul was happy that they repented. God forgave them upon their repentance and therefore, so did Paul)

¹⁰For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (Following the ways of the world <political correctness> leads to spiritual death)

NOTE: (There are Christian churches today that teach homosexuality, tran-sexuality, incest and other perversions as if they are just modern lifestyles. They are not. This is a disgrace to Christianity. God called it an abomination)

¹¹For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. (You stood firmly for God's Word and HE will bless you for it. Never be an enabler to sin)

¹²Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you. (They were becoming enablers by doing nothing. After Paul's first letter, they got right with God's Word and stopped the perversion)

¹³Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. (We are happy with your having taken action in order to get rid of the perversion in your church)

¹⁴For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I

made before Titus, is found a truth. (Paul was boasting about their strength of character, not his own. What he said about them was the truth. They proved him right by fixing their own problems)

¹⁵And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. (his, he, him – speaking of Titus)

¹⁶I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things. (Trust must be earned. They had now earned Paul's trust)