

Can Any Good Thing Come Out of Corinth?

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

True repentance brings true joy

A. A Summary of Paul's Appeal (7:1)

Put off the deeds of the flesh and put on Christ

B. A Continued Plea for Open Hearts (7:2-4)

1. In spite of wrongful accusations (v 2)

2. A heartfelt motive for his letter (v 3)

3. A heartfelt joy in their response (v 4)

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C. The Coming and Comfort of Titus (7:5-7)

1. The anxiety Paul experienced before meeting Titus (7:5)

a. Imagine what Paul was thinking after he wrote the letter

b. Don't let acceptance stop Godly action

2. The encouragement Titus brought (7:6)

God used Titus to comfort Paul. Consider...

Psalms 42:11, Isaiah 40:28-31, John 14:27,

1 Peter 1:3-7, 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 5:7

3. The news Titus brought (7:7)

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D. The Cause of the Corinthians' Repentance - Paul's Painful Letter (7:8-12)

1. Paul's regret (7:8) - Paul's human side

No physical regret when there is spiritual reward

2. The Corinthians' repentance (7:9-11)

a. True repentance is godly (vv 9-10)

Just feeling sorry is not repentance

b. True repentance brings a change (v 11)

Psalm 51:17

c. The motive of the severe letter (7:12)

Paul's policy: Care enough to confront

Proverbs 27:6

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E. The Cause for Rejoicing (2 Cor 7:13-16)

1. For Titus (7:13-15)

2. For Paul (7:16)

Open Hearts and Open Hands

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**Christ and other Christians challenge us
to give**

I. The Example of the Macedonians (8:1-8)

2 Corinthians 8:1-8

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

I. The Example of the Macedonians (8:1-8)

2 Corinthians 8:1-8 - continued

5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

I. The Example of the Macedonians (8:1-8)

- A. You show grace when you experience grace (v 1)**
- B. Showing grace has no limitations (vv 2-4)**
- C. Showing grace shows your relationship to God (v 5)**
- D. Seeing grace in others should motivate us to show grace (v 6)**
- E. Showing grace shows Christian maturity (vv 7-8)**

I. The Example of the Macedonians (8:1-8)

Poverty did not prevent their love.

I. The Example of Christ (8:9)

2 Corinthians 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

The Possessor of all presented all

III. The Example of the Corinthians' Previous Generosity (8:10-12)

2 Corinthians 8:10-12

10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

III. The Example of the Corinthians' Previous Generosity (8:10-12)

A. Don't stop good habits

2 Timothy 3:10

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2 Timothy 3:14

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

III. The Example of the Corinthians' Previous Generosity (8:10-12)

B. The Principle of Growth

2 Peter 1:4-8

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

III. The Example of the Corinthians' Previous Generosity (8:10-12)

B. The Principle of Growth

2 Peter 1:4-8 - continued

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. The Example of the Corinthians' Previous Generosity (8:10-12)

C. The Principle of Balance

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

IV. The Example of the Old Testament (8:13-15)

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

IV. The Example of the Old Testament (8:13-15)

A. The principle of proportionality.

Exodus 16:18

And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

IV. The Example of the Old Testament (8:13-15)

Leviticus 5:6-7, 11

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the Lord for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto the Lord; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

IV. The Example of the Old Testament (8:13-15)

Leviticus 5:6-7, 11 - continued

11 But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering.

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So all can have a part

What Are We Doing??

