

TRUE REPENTANCE

- 2 Cor 7:1
- 7 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- **The culture around the church was into false religion, idol feast, temple prostitution, sacrifices and festivals of worship.**

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- 2 Cor 7:2-4
- 2 Open your hearts to us. **We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one.** 3 I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. 4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

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- 2 Cor 7:5-7
- 5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.
- 2Cor. 5-16 – These verses point out Paul’s joy over the Corinthians repenting.

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- Paul's encouragement was the result of three points:
- 1. **(Ernest Desire)** -The Church longed to see Paul and fellowship with him
- 2. **(Mourning)** -The Church was sorrowful for their sin, and the division that it had caused between them and Paul.
- 3. **(Zeal)** - They were willing to defend Paul against even the false teachers.

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- Cor 7:8-10
- 8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, **but that your sorrow led to repentance.** For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10 **For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.**