

## 2 Corinthians #17 (7:1 - 16)

### I. First, Let us Look at Job's Cry of Despair in Chapter 19

- A. In verse 2 Paul again returns to a defense of his ministry
  - 1. Asks Corinthians to receive him in their hearts (refers to 6:12)
  - 2. Paul says in three different ways that has not hurt them
    - a. He has not "wronged" them- Refers to any way of bringing harm
      - 1. Can be financial harm (Matt. 20:13) or physical harm (Lu. 10:19)
    - b. He has not "corrupted" them- not led anyone of them into sin
    - c. He has not "defrauded" them- not used cunning to swindle them
  - 3. Leaves unspoken that he had actually done the opposite of these
    - a. 2 Cor. 11:7-Instead of taking money-preached gospel at no charge
- B. V. 3- Says the reasons for his exhortations is his great love
  - 1. "Nothing will separate his love" or "Willing to live with them till death"
- C. V. 4- Paul has used great boldness of speech because of his love

### II. Then Let Us Look at Verses 5 and 6

- A. Verse 5 returns back to time Paul talks about in 2:13
  - 1. 2:13 – "Spirit not at rest" – 7:5 "Body had not rest"
    - a. Our soul's (mind's) condition can have an effect on our bodies
      - 1. Philippians 4:6 – Paul exhorts against worry- but here worries
- B. "Fightings without" probably refers to conflicts with unbelievers
  - 1. "Fears within" probably refers to his concern for converts
    - a. Has fears because he knows enemy (2 Cor. 2:11, 11:3; I Pet. 5:8)
- C. V. 5, 6 Shows Paul's great belief in the providence of God
  - 1. Though comforted by Titus- He gives credit to God (2 Cor. 1:3, 4)
  - 2. Paul had experienced this comfort at first trip to Corinth (Acts 18:9, 10)
    - a. Similar to comfort God had given him on shipwreck (Act 27:23, 24)
- D. V. 7- Titus was able to give Paul a good report of Corinthian's response

### III. Let us Look at Some Truths About True and False Repentance

- A. There is difference between true repentance and just regret
  - 1. Verse 10 – Paul talking about this with whole issue of sorrow
  - 2. Matt 27:3-5; Heb. 12:16, 17- Judas, Esau had regret, not repentance
  - 4. Godly sorrow like God's kindness (Rom. 2:4) will lead to repentance
  - 5. Matt. 26:75- Peter- didn't just end in sorrow but changed behavior
    - a. Also seen in the parable of prodigal son- Luke 15:11 - 32
- B. True repentance will always lead to change in behavior (Matt. 21:28-31)
  - 1. Wicked will do what is just and right (Ezekiel 18:21, 27)
- C. Verse 10 – True repentance is something we will never be sorry for
- D. V. 9 -Repentance causes joy in their leader's hearts (2 Jn. 4; 3 Jn 3, 4)
  - 1. Also in Heaven – Luke 15:7, 10
- E. Verse 11 – 7 Characteristics of True repentance
  - 1. First is earnestness – Greek means haste- Speaks of diligence
  - 2. Second is "clearing of them" – Greek "Apologia"
  - 3. Third = "indignation" – they were apathetic against sin (1 Cor. 5:1, 2)
  - 4. 4<sup>th</sup> .5<sup>th</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> – Fear, desire, zeal – (desire to change or to see Paul)
  - 5. 7<sup>th</sup>- Revenge – or punishment – Desire to punish the offender

**Conclusion: Sorrow that isn't godly will end in death**