

The Church at Corinth - 2 Corinthians

Chapter 2

Paul's Defense of His Integrity & The Triumphant Nature of His Ministry

In this chapter Paul proceeds in the account of the reasons why he did not come to Corinth. Then he writes concerning the incestuous person who lay under censure; and gives direction for restoring him, together with the reasons for their so doing, and afterwards informs them of his labours and success in preaching the gospel in several places.

Paul's Defense of His Integrity – Verses 1-4

The Reason for His Delay – Verses 1-4

- Not to come to them in sorrow – verses 1-2 (2 Cor 1:23)
- Discipline brings sorrow – verses 3-4 (1 Cor 13:4-8a; 13)

Forgiveness for the Offender – Verses 5-11

- Much of their grief was caused by one man – verse 5 (1 Cor 5:2)
- Your discipline was effective, so forgive the offender & reassure your love for him – verses 6-8 (Gal 6:1; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)
- Test of obedience & forgiveness– verses 9-11 (Mat 4:10, 6:14-15; Luk 22:31; 1 Pet 5:8)

Paul's Concern for Them – Verses 12-13

- Open Door to Preach the Gospel – verse 12 (Act 14:27)
- No Word from Titus, Paul leaves for Macedonia – verse 13

The Triumphant Nature of Paul's Ministry – Verses 14-17

Always Led in Triumph by God in Christ – Verse 14

- Express Thanks to God – (Rom 8:37; John 14:20)

Through Them Fragrance is Diffused – Verses 15-17

- The fragrance of Christ: death & life – verse 15-16 (Gen 8:21; Exo 29:18; John 2:34)
- Do not peddle the word of God, but speak with sincerity – verse 17 (1 The 2:5)