

A Letter of Grace
2 Corinthians

Saving Sorrow (7:10-16)

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Two Kinds of Sorrow (v.10)

For **godly grief** produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas **worldly grief** produces death.

The Three Legs

- 1) An understanding of our common condition (humility)
- 2) An understanding of God's love for us in Jesus (identity)
- 3) A love for the good, true, and beautiful (goal)

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The Fruit of Godly Sorrow (v.11)

For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment!

At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

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The Purpose for Paul's Correction (v.12)

So although I wrote to you,
it was **not** for the sake of the one who did the wrong, **nor** for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, **but** in order that your earnestness for us
might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

The Outcome of Their Godly Sorrow (v.13-16)

1) The Comfort to God's Servants

Therefore we are **comforted**.

And besides our own **comfort**,
we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus,
because his spirit has been **refreshed** by you all.

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2) Proof of Paul's Boasting

For whatever **boasts** I made to him about you, I was not put to shame.

But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our **boasting** before Titus has proved true.

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3) The Affection of Their Shepherds

And his **affection** for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. I rejoice, because I have **complete confidence** in you.

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Final Application