

## 2 Corinthians 2

King James Version (KJV)

**2** But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. (Paul doesn't want to come over to correct them and chastise them for the problems)

<sup>2</sup>For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

<sup>3</sup>And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. (People were badmouthing Paul in his absence, and starting their own churches)

<sup>4</sup>For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. (Paul taught them the truth in God's Word, with love. He didn't do it to start his own religion, nor did he rebuke their sins to put them in subjugation to him. He did it to help them get back on the right track with God; tough love in this case)

<sup>5</sup>But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. (If anyone badmouthed me, you may feel bad but I don't. Paul will not punish the group for the actions of a few)

<sup>6</sup>Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. (God's judgment will decide the good from the bad. Paul's job was to point out the sins and tell them to correct the problem. After that, it falls on them to do it)

<sup>7</sup>So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. (Forgive those who TRULY repent for having done wrong. God forgave them and so must you)

(Today we see holier than thou preachers treat divorced people like second class citizens, even if they have repented for their part in the divorce. Don't follow preachers, follow God's example)

<sup>8</sup>Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

<sup>9</sup>For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. (To forgive one who repents is a test for you)

<sup>10</sup>To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; (Jesus sets us free upon repentance. That is the beauty of Christianity)

<sup>11</sup>Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. (Satan loves conflict. To continue in conflict is to invite him in to make everything worse. He will take advantage if you allow him to)

<sup>12</sup>Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, (Troas = Troy)

<sup>13</sup>I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia. (Paul went to Macedonia to find Titus. He was concerned at his absence)

<sup>14</sup>Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. (savour= fragrance, aroma)

<sup>15</sup>For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: (We are a sweet savor to God when we live righteously, because in Christianity we can also help others)

<sup>16</sup>To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? (Christianity is the difference between life and death of the soul)

<sup>17</sup>For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (There

are many more bad than good in the world, but with God, we are victorious. Numbers mean nothing when they fight against God)