

D1: Biblical Repentance - 2 Corinthians 7:9-11

INTRODUCTION (context of the offense and repentance):

Timeline:

- Paul stayed in Corinth 18 months on his second missionary journey (Acts 18, AD 51).
- Paul ended His second missionary journey; began his third and settled in Ephesus (Acts 19, AD 52/53).
- Paul wrote his first letter (lost) addressing sin issues (1 Cor 5:9 - "I wrote you in my letter").
- The Corinthians asked Paul clarifying questions.
- Paul wrote his second letter (1 Corinthians) to answer those questions (AD 55, from Ephesus).
- Paul learned of the false apostles at Corinth (2 Cor 11:12-13).
- Paul traveled to Corinth from Ephesus for a "painful visit," 2 Cor 2:1, and confronted the false teachers.
- The Corinthians did not stand with Paul before the false teachers (2 Cor 2:5-8; 7:12).
- Paul was grieved by the lack of support from the Corinthians.
- Paul wrote his third letter (lost), delivered by Titus, that caused sorrow for the Corinthians (2 Cor 2:4; 7:8).
- Paul was comforted by Titus' report (2 Cor 2:6-7; 7:15).
- Paul wrote his fourth letter, 2 Corinthians (late AD 55 or early 56).

The Offense?

The Corinthians had abandoned their pastor and apostle when he confronted the false teachers before them.

BUT - 2 Corinthians 7:9-11 describes their repentance in detail!

"Repentance" =

I. My Pursuit of Repentance Includes (7:9-11):

1. Sorrow, 7:9-10.

2. Earnestness, 7:11.

3. Vindication, 7:11.

4. Indignation, 7:11.

5. Fear, 7:11.

6. Longing, 7:11.

7. Zeal, 7:11.

8. Avenging of wrong, 7:11

9. Innocence, 7:11

II. God's Provision for Repentance Includes:

1. Reigning grace

2. Growing faith

3. Growing distrust

4. Union with Christ

5. Indwelling Holy Spirit

6. Word of God

7. God finishing what He started