

# 2 Corinthians 7

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## Paul's Joy

**1** Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**2** Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

**3** I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.

**4** Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

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## Paul's Joy Over the Church's Repentance

**5** For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

**6** Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;

**7** And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

**8** For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.

**9** Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

**10** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

**11** For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

**12** Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

**13** Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

**14** For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we speake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.

**15** And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

**16** I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### Repent — μετανοέω (Metanoeo)

To change one's mind, repent

The Greek **metanoeo** (μετανοέω) means to change one's mind or purpose—a complete transformation of thinking. John the Baptist and Jesus both began their ministries with 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 3:2; 4:17).

### Salvation — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

### Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

### Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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### 2 Corinthians 7:1   **Holy:** 1 Thessalonians 4:7. **Love:** 1 Peter 1:22; 2:11. **Parallel theme:**

Proverbs 8:13; 1 John 3:3. **References God:** Isaiah 55:7; James 4:8. **Spirit:** Psalms 51:10; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23

### 2 Corinthians 7:2   **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 11:9; Numbers 16:15; Matthew 10:14; 10:40; Acts 20:33; Romans 16:18; 2 John 1:10

### 2 Corinthians 7:4   **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 1:4; 3:12; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Philippians 2:17; Colossians 1:24; James 1:2

**2 Corinthians 7:5** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 2:13; Deuteronomy 32:25

**2 Corinthians 7:6** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 7:13; Isaiah 57:18; Jeremiah 31:13.

**References God:** 1 Thessalonians 3:2

**2 Corinthians 7:7** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 5:2; Jude 1:3

**2 Corinthians 7:8** **Repentance:** Revelation 3:19

**2 Corinthians 7:9** **Repentance:** Luke 15:7; Acts 20:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 38:18; Zechariah 12:10. **Creation:** Ecclesiastes 7:3

**2 Corinthians 7:10**

**Repentance:** Jonah 3:10; Luke 15:10; Acts 3:19; 11:18; Hebrews 12:17. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 12:13; Proverbs 17:22. **References God:** 1 Samuel 30:6; Jonah 4:9; Luke 18:13

**2 Corinthians 7:11** **References God:** Romans 14:18; 2 Timothy 2:15. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 7:7; Psalms 2:11; Acts 17:16; Romans 11:20; Ephesians 4:26; 5:11; Hebrews 4:1; Revelation 3:19

**2 Corinthians 7:12** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 2:9; 7:8; 11:28. **References God:** 2 Corinthians 2:17; 11:11; 1 Timothy 3:5

**2 Corinthians 7:13**

**Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 7:6; Romans 15:32; 1 Corinthians 12:26; 16:13

**2 Corinthians 7:14** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 7:4; 8:24; 2 Thessalonians 1:4

**2 Corinthians 7:15**

**Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 2:9; 6:12; Job 21:6; Psalms 2:11; 119:120; Isaiah 66:2; Acts 16:29; Philippians 2:12; Colossians 3:12; 1 John 3:17

**2 Corinthians 7:16** **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 2:3