

## Review from Last Week

*“Like any large commercial city, Corinth was a center for open and unbridled sexual immorality. The worship of Aphrodite fostered prostitution in the name of religion. At an earlier time 1,000 sacred prostitutes served her temple. So widely known did the immorality of Corinth become that the Greek verb, “To Corinthianize” came to mean “to practice sexual immorality.”*

## Between these two letters

*So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. 2 For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? 3 I wrote as I did so that when I came I should not be distressed by those who ought to make me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. 4 For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.        II Corinthians 2:1-4*

*But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever.*

*8Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— 9yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. 10Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 11See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. 12So even though I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong or of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. 13By all this we are encouraged.*

*In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. 14I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well. 15And his affection for you is all the greater when he remembers that you were all obedient, receiving him with fear and trembling. 16I am glad I can have complete confidence in you.*

*II Corinthians 7:5-16*

## **Purpose for the Letter**

**To express the \_\_\_\_\_ Paul felt because of their response**

**To let them know about \_\_\_\_\_ in the province of Asia**

**To explain why he had changed \_\_\_\_\_**

**To ask them to \_\_\_\_\_ the offending party**

To warn them not to be, \_\_\_\_\_

To explain to them the true nature and high calling of \_\_\_\_\_

To teach the Corinthians about the \_\_\_\_\_

To deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ in the church

To prepare the Corinthians for his \_\_\_\_\_

**Your comments and questions**