

2 Corinthians  
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am  
To be discussed –08/24/20

2 Corinthians – Lesson 3  
2 Corinthians 2:5-17

1. Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11. After Paul’s “painful” visit to Corinth, someone in the church must have blatantly insulted or opposed Paul. Perhaps the congregation had not stood up for Paul and this was the subject of his severe letter to them, which then had caused them to discipline the offender. Did their punishment have the desired affect? Was it sufficient?
2. How does true sorrow differ from mere remorse? How is David an example of true sorrow in Psalm 51:1-4? What did he recognize?
3. How did Paul advise the church to respond to the repentant offender? (vv. 6-10) Why? (v. 7)
4. What should be the purpose of church discipline?
5. How could Satan have used this situation to his advantage? (v. 11)
6. Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17. Why did Paul go to Troas? Why did he leave and go to Macedonia? What does this tell us about Paul’s love (2 Cor. 2:4) for the Corinthians, and the pressure and anxiety he faced in ministry?
7. At verse 14 Paul suddenly shifts from *no peace of mind* to *thanks be to God*. For what does he praise God? What two responses are generated by the *aroma of Christ*? What would it take for you to be the “aroma of Christ” to those around you?
8. How does Paul’s life in Christ impact your expectations of your life in Christ? Encouraging? Challenging? Convicting? Who is equal to such a task?