

Good Grief: A Hurt that Helps to Holiness

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

**THE HURT: Godly Grief,**

*For godly grief produces.....2 Corinthians 7:10*

When truth (such as Paul's "severe letter") brings tears

- A strained relationship, 6:11-13, 7:2
- From a clear conscience, v. 2
- Not to condemn, v. 3
- Complete commitment to them, v. 3
- His confidence in them, v. 16
- Conflicted emotions, v. 5
- Lack of permanent harm, v. 9

**THE HELP: Produces repentance,**

*For godly grief produces a repentance...2 Corinthians 7:10*

Worldly grief brings regrets and leads to death,

Godly grief brings a change of mind and direction

- Seen in attitude toward Paul, v. 7
- Seen in attitude toward themselves, v. 11
- Seen in attitude toward Titus, v. 15

**THE HOLINESS: Bringing holiness to completion, 7:1**

*...let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God, 7:1*

God's goal is that we switch partners

Partnership with unbelievers, 6:14-16, 17

Partnership with God, a salvation without regrets

- Unbounded joy, verses 4, 7, 9, 16
- Mutual encouragement and comfort, verses 6,7,13
- Clear Conscience, v. 11
- Deeper Affection, verses 13, 15
- Confidence and Trust, v. 16

How will you respond to God's sharp prods?