

This Way Up

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Genuine Repentance 2 Corinthians 7:2-10

I. Godly Confidence (verses 2-5)

Paul thinks highly of the church at Corinth and has great confidence that God will bring them to the place of recognizing his sincere motives in writing to them.

II. Godly Comfort (verses 6,7)

- God comforts the downtrodden.
- He provides comfort through godly co-workers.
- We are comforted when we see God comforting others.

III. Godly Conviction (verses 8-10)

The believer

1. True conviction from God changes a believer's mind about sin and results in effective, lasting, and beneficial changes in behaviour.

The unbeliever

2. The natural conviction, sorrow, and repentance of an unregenerate person, while providing temporary relief, results in self righteousness and ultimately in eternal death.

Application

Are we a sick church?

Yes, in some ways!

We struggle with interpersonal relationships.

There are some who take offense easily.

There are some who easily and unknowingly give offense.

The remedy?

The Cross of Jesus Christ – “For me to live is Christ”.

- Focus on Christ’s forgiveness, selflessness, humility.
- Know that the power of the flesh has been broken.
- Believe that the Holy Spirit is able to fill and direct.

An Exhortation!

1. Believe and accept that no one intends to offend you.
2. **The supernatural choice** – choose not to be offended.
3. **The supernatural loving action** – when someone says or does something that could easily cause offense, love demands that you let them know this, so they can learn not to offend others.
4. **The bottom line** – learn not to take offense and learn not to give offense.