

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 7:9-12

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

SALVATION'S KEY

developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

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Repentance, Attitude, Humility, Contrition

Introduction to the Text;

2nd Corinthians 7:9-12

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Now I **rejoice**, not that you were made **sorry**, but that your sorrow led to **repentance**. *For you were made sorry in a godly manner*, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. **10** For *godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation*, not to be **regretted**; but *the sorrow of the world produces death*. **11** For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What **diligence** it produced in you, what **clearing** of yourselves, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **vehement desire**, what **zeal**, what **vindication**! In all things you **proved** yourselves to be *clear in this matter*. **12** Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, *but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you*.

If you haven't already discovered, Christianity is unlike anything else on earth. Unique in **relationship**. Unique in **revelation**, unique in **response**.

If anything is or can be interactive, it is our experience with the Living God.

**One of The Great Characteristics of Christianity
Is the life we live Within a "Divine Contradiction."**

Meaning that through "**Death we Live**" and that "**Humility we are Exalted**" and that through "**Weakness we are Strong**."

In Our Passage Today

We have another "**Divine Contradiction**" and that is through "**Sorrow we Rejoice**"

SALVATION'S KEY

Isn't an Act or Action. It's an Attitude !

(1) Reality. (2) Awareness. (3) Practice

SALVATION'S KEY

1.) Is the **reality** of sin

v. 9-10

salvation's key is the **reality of sin**
which leads us to repentance because it shows us the truth.

What is Sin?

Sin is the falling short of a standard (perfection). It resides within every human being. It is manifested in the world. It is an offense to God and it is what keeps us separated from God.
(murdering, hate, lying, drunkenness, immorality, pride)

1 Tim. 1:15

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

SALVATION'S KEY IS THE REALITY OF SIN

1a.) Sin repented leads to joy v. 9

9a Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner,

Paul was not joyful because they were sorry. He was joyful because their sorrow was rooted in repentance.

It's The First Word of the Gospel, Yet (it's the missing link in modern day evangelism)

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The First Word of the Gospel

Matt. 3:1-2

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, :2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matt. 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 15:10

Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

repents μετανοέω metanoëo, met-an-o-eh'-o; from 3326 and 3539; to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider (morally, feel compunction): — repent.

SALVATION'S KEY IS THE REALITY OF SIN

1b.) Sin defeated leads to life v. 9-10

9b that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10a For (1) godly sorrow (2) produces repentance (3) leading to salvation

how can you know if you have experienced true salvation?

By the fact that you have a (1) new fear of sin that (2) keeps you in a state of vigilance against it, which (3) displays a lifestyle (ethos) of the fruits or evidences of salvation.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SALVATION'S KEY IS THE REALITY OF SIN

1c.) Sin ignored leads to death

v. 10

10b not to be **regretted**; but *the sorrow of the world produces death.*

Without doubt Paul is referring to “false repentance” or “worldly sorrow” here

Matt. 27:3-4

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was **remorseful** and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, **“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”**

“It didn't turn out the way I had planned. I'm really sad about that”

I would like to avoid a riot right about now –
but truth is undaunted ! Contrary to Conventional Wisdom - Romanism is not Christianity.

Romanism requires an **Offering for a Sin** by the Sinner. (as often as is necessary to **pay for that sin**)

Christianity requires **Repentance about the Sin** by the Sinner (as often as is necessary to **forsake for that sin**)

1 Tim. 2:5-6a

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all,

The Romanist Taught (teach) that it's the “Element of Sorrow”
“Are you sorry? Yes I am sorry. You are forgiven”

It's not the “Element of Sorrow” that Matters to God.
It's the “Element of Change” that Matters to God.

(Read the book of Hebrews chapters 8 thru 10)

Alan Redpath;

“do not confuse a crime against the government and a wrongdoing against your consciences with a sin against God. A crime can be paid for (by works). A wrongdoing can be rectified (by self). But a sin must be repented of (by grace).”

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer

End of Study

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