

# 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.*

### Part 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:  
Repentance, Attitude, Humility, Contrition

Introduction to the Text;

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7:9-12

#### 2 Corinthians 7:9-12

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.*

### SALVATION'S KEY

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

v. 9-10

1a.) **Sin** repented of leads to joy

v. 9

1b.) **Sin** defeated leads to life

v. 9-10

1c.) **Sin** ignored leads to death

v. 10

### SALVATION'S KEY

2.) Is the **awareness** of holiness

v. 11

2a.) **Holiness** alters our habits

v. 11

**11** For **observe this very thing**, that you **sorrowed** in a **godly manner**

**observe this very thing**

paul encourages them to look at the evidence that proves their change.

**sorrowed** λυπέω **lupeo**, *loo-peh'-o*; to become emotionally distressed. to be under the weight of sadness. To be in a state of grief, heaviness of soul, sorrowful.

## Be Careful Here Church

That you lean upon your emotions, sorrow, sadness about your sin and not the blood of Jesus Christ.

( repeat offenders will hide behind their veil of tears and penance until they emotionally feel as though they have paid the price for their sin )

this is a man trying to be his own priest, in a manmade priesthood - by offering up tears and noise and lamentations that can never save.

### Heb. 12:15-16,17

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane *(to cross the threshold or to go too far)* person like Esau... 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

<< This Symptom Could Be Caused by "Low-H" so see The Doctor today >>

## SALVATION'S KEY IS THE AWARENESS OF HOLINESS

### 2b.) Holiness causes a change v. 11

(1) What **diligence** it produced in you, (2) what **clearing** of yourselves, (3) what **indignation**, (4) what **fear**, (5) what **vehement desire**, (6) what **zeal**, (7) what **vindication**! In all things you **proved yourselves** to be **clear in this matter**

In the Negative,  
the Corinthians had grown Sluggish in Their Christianity. *( its easy to do you know? )*

But In the Positive,  
the Corinthians had a Change of Heart and Mind *( its easy to do you know? )*

### Isaiah 55:7

Let the wicked **change their ways** and **banish the very thought** of doing wrong. Let them **turn to the LORD** that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

Please Pay Close Attention Here, These Definitions Could Save Your Life Forever.

(1) What **diligence** it produced in you,  
**σπουδή spoude**, *spoo-day'*; to "make-speed" or haste. to dispatch with eagerness and determination.

(2) what **clearing** of yourselves,  
**ἀπολογία apologia**, *ap-ol-og-ee'-ah*; **NOT** to be confused with an excuse or a cover-up. This is the dealing with sin, the "offering up" of a guilty plea, it's a "willfully exposing" of the wrong FOR THE SAKE OF HEALING.

(3) what **indignation**,  
**ἀγανάκτησις aganaktēsis**, *ag-an-ak'-tay-sis*; indignation or better, the grief and pain caused by sin.

(4) what **fear**,

**φόβος phobos**, *fo-b' -os*; to be put in a healthy or reasonable fear. terror in light of the offense. This speaks to God's holiness and our depravity.

(5) what **vehement desire**,

**ἐπιπόθησις epip epipotesis**, *ep-ee-poth' -ay-sis*; an earnest longing for. a strong and undeterred desire. (*a burning heart*) a heart that longs for purity of thought and deed. The pursuit of God.

(6) what **zeal**,

**ζήλος zelos**, *dzay' -los*; ardor, heat, jealousy, fervency to turn away from one's life direction toward the pursuit of God.

(7) what **vindication!**

**ἐκδίκησις ekdikesis**, *ek-dik' -ay-sis*; the willingness to accept the justice, judgment and punishment for the crime (sin) committed.

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| <b>You Respond</b>  | <i>as soon as you are aware of the sin.</i>                             |
| <b>You React</b>    | <i>with a sincere apology seeking forgiveness.</i>                      |
| <b>You Realize</b>  | <i>the pain you have caused the offended party(s) (God)</i>             |
| <b>You Remember</b> | <i>the consequences of the sin and its fallout.</i>                     |
| <b>You Resolve</b>  | <i>to settle the issues(s) every way possible.</i>                      |
| <b>You Restore</b>  | <i>whatever is possible regarding the damage that the sin has done.</i> |

In all things you **PROVED YOURSELVES** to be **clear in this matter**

**PROVED 4921**. **συνιστάω sunistao**, *soon-is-tah' -o*, or (strengthened) to set a line together, to introduce, step through and complete. to exhibit, to stand near.

You **showed** that you have done everything necessary to make things right.

## SALVATION'S KEY

### 3.) Is the practice of sanctification v. 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. salvation's key** is a **life of expectancy (transformation)** which leads us to embrace repentance because we can become more like Jesus

**To "Practice" Sanctification is to "Rehearse" It.**

The Origin of Sanctification is Found in Creation.

Gen. 2:3

And God blessed the seventh day, and **sanctified** it (declared it to be): because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

## SALVATION'S KEY IS THE PRACTICE OF SANCTIFICATION

### 3a.) Sanctification is provided by Jesus v. 12a

**12a** 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.**

1 Cor. 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and **sanctification** and redemption—

*To be taken from one location or use or purpose and appointed to another – totally “other than” what we once were.*

1Th. 4:3-4

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

## SALVATION’S KEY IS THE PRACTICE OF SANCTIFICATION

3b.) **Sanctification** is gifted by the Holy Spirit v. 12b

2 Th. 2:13

We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, **because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit AND belief in the truth,**

*“Sorrow in itself cannot produce anything except sadness of feeling. But godly sorrow produces change. Now repentance is a change within us both of thinking and of doing. We can tell if true sorrow is actually that, by seeing if it produces repentance. So godly sorrow cannot be measured by feelings or by tears, but by what it produces. What happens after the confession is what defines if the man be new.” – Spurgeon*

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve **the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were **SEALED FOR THE DAY of redemption.**

**SEALED** σφραγίζω **sphragizo**, *sfrag-id’-zo*; embossed, marked or marked out, to stamp by signet. an exclusive or private identification mark of ownership and security. preservation (literally or figuratively); by implication, to keep secret, to attest: — (set a, set to) seal up, stop.

### The Old Testament, Hebrew Word is

**chowtham**, *kho-thawm’*; or MDtOj **chotham**, *kho-thawm’*; the signature or signature ring.

Song of Solomon 8:6a

Set me as a **SEAL** upon your heart, As a **SEAL** upon your arm;  
For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel (**DEMANDING**) as the grave;

Isaiah 49:16

Behold, I have **inscribed** (*as to seal*) you on the palms of My hands;

John 20:24-27

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” :26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

## SALVATION’S KEY IS THE PRACTICE OF SANCTIFICATION

3c.) **Sanctification** is how we live v. 12c

*but that our care for you, in the sight of God, might appear to you.*

*appear* φανερόω phaneroo, fan-er-o'-o; to render apparent and obvious.

**Acts 20:32**

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those **who are sanctified**.”

**There is no contradiction here – It’s THIS AND**

**Heb. 10:10**

By that will we **have been sanctified** (how?) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ (effectiveness?) once for all.

ἀγιάζω **hagiazō**, hag-ee-ad'-zo; to make, announce, declare holy, to set apart.

**Heb. 10:14**

For by one offering He (Jesus Christ the Offering) has perfected forever those **who are being sanctified**.

ἀγιάζω **hagiazō**, hag-ee-ad'-zo; to make, announce, declare holy, to set apart.

**SALVATION’S KEY**

*Isn’t an Act or Action. It’s an Attitude That Can Only Come by a Change of Heart and Mind !*

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

**Matt. 7:13-14 nlt**

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. **14** But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”

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

*Come Forward for Prayer*

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