

2 CORINTHIANS 7 vs 1

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¹ **So beloved one, having these promises, let us clean ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, bringing wholeness to completion in the fear of God.**

² **Make room for us in your hearts: we have wronged no one, corrupted no one, or took advantage of no one.**

³ **I do not say this to condemn you: since I said before, that you are in our hearts: to die together and to live together.**

⁴ **I have great confidence in you, great is my boasting of you: I am filled with encouragement. I overflow with joy in all our afflictions.**

⁵ **In fact, when we came to Macedonia, we had no rest. Instead, we were troubled in every way; conflicts on the outside, fears within.**

⁶ **But God who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the arrival of Titus;**

⁷ **and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort he received from you. He told us about your strong desire, your sorrow, and your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.**

⁸ **For even though I hurt you with a letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it: for I perceive that the same letter hurt you, though only for a while / he closely studied this incident, he says it lasted a very short time.**

⁹ **Now I rejoice, not that you hurt,**

but that you hurt to METANOIA / meta = change + noia = mind; meaning: rethink, and reconsider, which is something any good teacher wants their students to do every day of their life! Paul did not want them to re-pain, and pain again themselves. Why would they? That is not the language of any good teacher! It is the language of those who twist the gospel.

but that you hurt until you reconsidered / till they changed their mind; **because without a changed mind,** there will be no changed heart.

for you hurt intensely,

according to the will of God, that by us, you lose nothing / especially your mind, because when that's gone, then definitely, you will lose your soul.



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¹⁰ For intense **hurt** works / katergasomai; literally: kata = **an intensive + ergaso = work + mai** - INDICATING THE MIDDLE VOICE = **for your... my... or our... benefit.**

And what benefit does Paul tell us this grief worked?

to reconsider, resulting in salvation / all that the Lord Jesus is saving us from... as well as all He is saving us for! Isaiah tells us, no eye has seen; no ear has heard... neither has it entered in the imagination... ALL God has prepared for those who wait on Him.

Paul says:

For intense hurt, intensely works for your own benefit.

to reconsider, resulting in **salvation not to be regretted:**

but the hurt of the world, intensely works **death, /** for their own benefit.

¹¹ For consider this very thing, that intense **hurt**, what diligence it intensely works for your own benefit, yes, what seriousness, yes, what indignation / Paul is probably laughing! He's a good teacher reviewing their METANOIA moment...this letter caused them **to change their thinking:**

How ANGRY you were!

yes, what fear, what desire, what zeal,

yes, what revenge! / epipothesis; in the parable of the unjust judge that a certain woman came to, who wanted to punch his nose for his delaying... she came asking for him to do what was right... from them who wanted to do her wrong -- Luke 18, same word. Paul is talking about their speedy response to correct their error, and justly settle the division. You can hear Paul say...

What sweet victory!

In all of you to bring together, and you were innocent in this matter.

¹² So though I wrote to you, I did it not because of the offender... nor because of the victim, but that your diligence be clearly made known to you, in the sight of God.

¹³ For this reason we were comforted: yes, and not only comfort, but we rejoiced all the more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by all of you.

¹⁴ For if I boasted to him about you, I was not disappointed; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus also was the truth.

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¹⁵ And his gutsy affection toward you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling.

¹⁶ **So, I rejoice that I have complete confidence in you.**

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