

2 CORINTHIANS 7:8-13

{Sunday, September 30, 2018 A.D.}

2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

¹⁵ For **we are a fragrance of Christ to God** . . .

⁵ **Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves**, but **our adequacy is from God**,

⁶ who also **made us adequate as servants of a new covenant**, . . .

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

⁵ For even when we came into Macedonia **our flesh had no rest**, but we were **afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within**.

⁶ **But God**, who comforts the depressed, **comforted us by the coming of Titus**; ⁷ and not only by his coming, but also **by the comfort with which he was comforted in you**, as he reported to us **your longing, your mourning, your zeal** for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

2 Corinthians 7:8-13

⁸ For though **I caused you sorrow** by my letter, **I do not regret it; though I did regret it—**
for I see that **that letter caused you sorrow**, though **only for a while—**

⁹ **I now rejoice**, not that you were made sorrowful, but that **you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance**; for **you were made sorrowful according to the will of God**, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

¹⁰ For **the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation**, but **the sorrow of the world produces death**.

¹¹ For behold **what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you**:
what **vindication** of yourselves, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **longing**, what **zeal**, what **avenging of wrong!**
In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

¹² So although I wrote to you, *it was* **not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended**, but
that **your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God**.

¹³ **For this reason we have been comforted**.

And **besides our comfort**, we **rejoiced** even much more **for the joy of Titus**, because **his spirit has been refreshed by you all**.