

Coming Back from Sin
2 Corinthians 2:5-17, Pew Bible p. 964
August 28, 2022

I. The Role of the Church (V. 5-11)

A. To discipline wayward Christians

1. Sin must be dealt with but does not need to be dwelt on.

B. To restore repentant sinners

1. A Christian holding a grudge is a Christian outwitted by Satan.

C. To thwart Satan

1. Satan is at work when a church ignores the wayward or dismisses the repentant.

II. The Heart of the Pastor (V. 12-13)

A. A true shepherd longs to see his church obey God in all things.

III. The Triumph of Christ (V. 14-17)

A. Our restoration is God's victory.

B. The aroma of Christ is simultaneously wonderful for the believer and terrifying for the unbeliever.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-17.
2. What would motivate a church to ignore wayward Christians? On the flip side, what would motivate a church to avoid restoring the repentant sinner to fellowship?
3. In verses 7 and 8, Paul links forgiving and comforting the man with reaffirming their love for him. Read Luke 7:40-47. What might this have to do with 2 Corinthians 2:7-8?
4. Paul went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found an open door in the Lord, yet he still left. In 1 Corinthians 16:8-9 Paul stayed in Ephesus where there was an open door. Why did Paul leave Troas and not Ephesus? Is it simply because he didn't find Titus or is there more to it?
5. Why do you think Paul used the image of a Roman Triumph in verse 14 and what impact do you think it might have had on 1st century Christian readers?
6. Do you know any peddlers of God's Word? What qualities of a preacher determine if he is a peddler or a man of sincerity?
7. Pray for our church, that we would be those who don't wink at sin but deal with it in love and with a heart to restore and grow our brothers and sisters in Christ. Consider attending the church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Numbers 8-10

August Memory Verses: Numbers 14:17-19

James 5:13-15

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, please register for the next quarter's Zoom meetings from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This new registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for Mary R.'s upcoming transplant surgery

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, Jules S. in Thailand, and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Louise R. (husband), Ed G. & family (mother), family of Phyllis W., Paul W. & family (aunt), family of Joan S., Anne W.-B. & family (husband), Sherri O. (uncle), and Barbara K. (husband)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Leon V. (chemo & other health issues), Debbie B. (health issues), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Debbie P. (health issues), Ann C.-W. (health issues), and Michelle La (health issues)
- Others that you are aware of