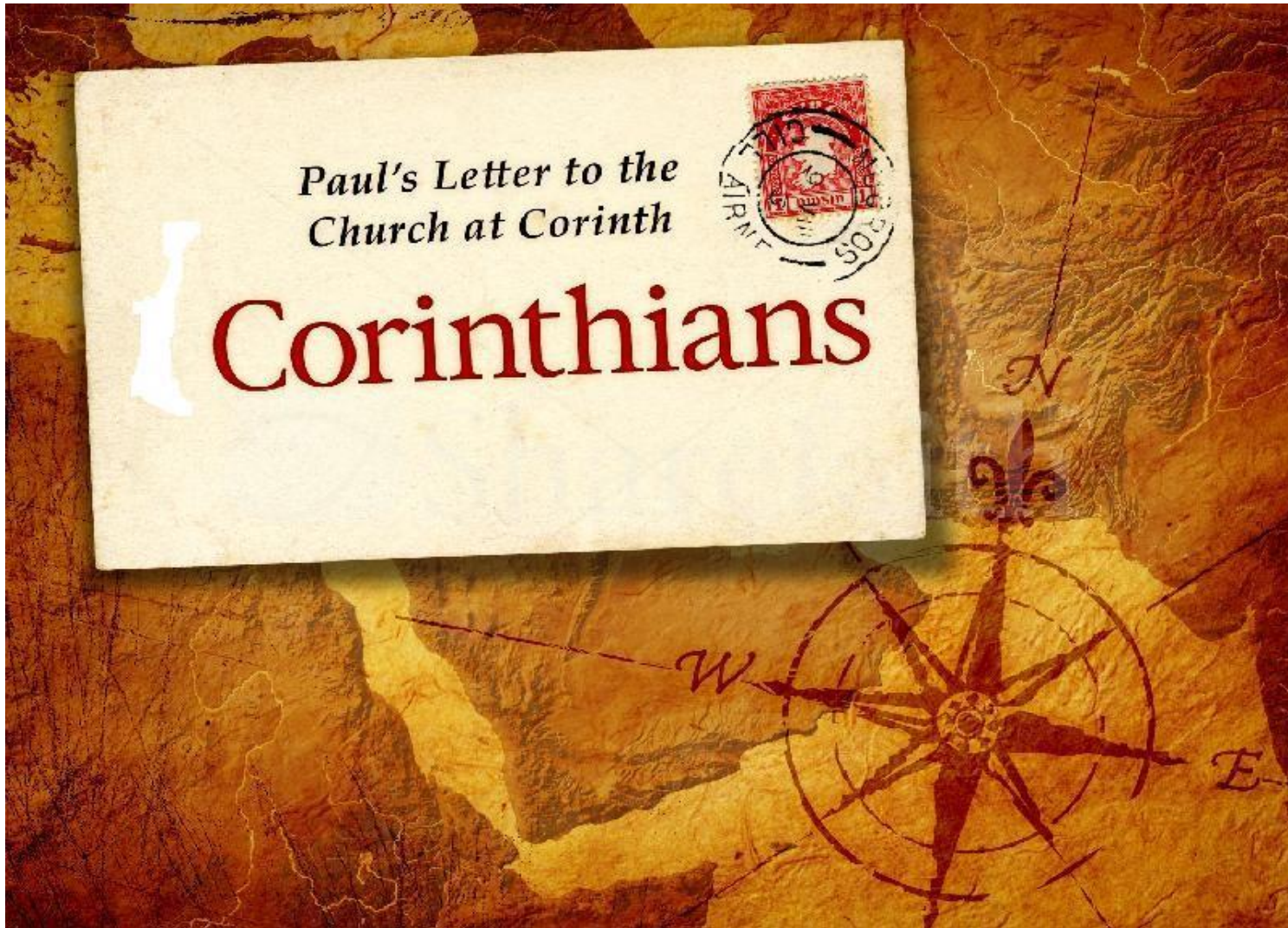




2 Cor 6:11-13 & 7:2-4 An Appeal for Reconciliation and Fellowship



Outline Chp 6:1 to 7:11



6:1-3 Reconciliation is to be a testimony to God's grace

6:4-10 Paul's example as an ambassador of Christ

6:11-13 An appeal for the Corinthians to reconcile with him

6:14 -7:1 An appeal for separation from unbelievers (do not be unequally yoked)

7:2-4 An appeal for continued and sustained fellowship with the Corinthians

7:5 -11 Paul returns to the subject of his anticipated meeting with Titus in Macedonia (2:13)

Today's Verses



6:11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide.

12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.

13 Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide to us also.

7:2 Make room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

3 I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

6:11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians,
our heart is opened wide.



These verses are an appeal for reconciliation !

O Corinthians – the subject of the next statements

1st - our mouth – Paul and his team [Timothy, Titus, etc.]

has spoken freely - *anoigō* - In the sense of to pour out
one's mind, to open one's heart, i.e.,
to speak fully and frankly

- perfect tense – past completed action with abiding results - speaks of permanence
- Eph 6:19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

6:11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians,
our heart is opened wide.



2nd - our heart [*kardia*]

- Heart is a reference to the deepest part of the mind and intellect of a person.
- It is as deeply as you can go into the mind and spirit.

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is opened wide - *platynō* - In the pass., to be enlarged, i.e.,
to have enlargement, to rejoice

- perfect tense – past completed action with abiding results - speaks of permanence
- We have an abundant openness toward you. Merryman
- Our heart is broadened and enlarged. Wuest

¹² You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections.



You are not restrained by us

are restrained - *stenochōréō* - figuratively, to be constrained, reserved, be unable to express oneself (present, passive)

- So Paul is saying he is not constraining the Corinthians.

but you [Corinthians] are restrained in your own affections

affections - *splágchnon* - emotions as compassion, tender affection; the seat of emotions and passions [your gut]

- You do not have a good gut level response to Paul.

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The why of this is as follows:*

The Corinthians had been misled by false teachers who questioned Paul's honesty and integrity.

The false teachers were undermining Paul's ministry.

* Merryman

¹³ Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—
open wide to us also



Now in a like exchange
exchange – or in return

Now, as a return in kind for my affections toward you

Wuest

[you] open wide to us also

- Open your hearts to us like we have opened up our hearts to you.
- Paul exhorted them, on the ground of fair play, to respond toward him as he had behaved toward them.

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I speak as to children

- 1 Cor 4:14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

7:2 Make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.



These verses are an appeal for renewed fellowship !

[you] make room for us

make room for - *chōréō* - to make place or room, take in or receive - also of persons, to receive to one's heart, affection (aorist, imperative, active)

- make abundant openness in you mentalities for us*

Now Paul will point out his track record*

1st - we wronged no one [or man]

- wronged – to do wrong (aorist, indicative, active)
- indicative tells us that this is a statement of fact
- We treated everyone justly or fairly.*
- We had no favorites.

* Merryman

7:2 Make room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.



2nd - we corrupted no one [or man]

- **corrupted** – ruin or bringing into a worse state (aorist, indicative, active)
- also a statement of fact
- The idea is of moral or mental corruption.*
- In our teaching no one was corrupted, damaged or injured.*
- We corrupted no man's faith by false teaching.*
- Our teaching is open, above board and objective.*

* Merryman

7:2 Make room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.



3rd - we took advantage of no one [or man]

- took advantage of – defrauded or exploited; this has to do with money
- lit: to make gain by fraud*
- Paul always avoided any suspicion in the handling of money.*
- Paul had check and balances with regards to money.*
- He is emphasizing his motivation was pure and honest.*
*Merryman
- took advantage of no man for the sake of gain Wuest

7:2 Make room for us *in your hearts*; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.



Why did Paul need to say this:*

He was under attack by false teachers.

His integrity has been questioned and degraded
by these false teachers.

* Merryman

³ I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.



I do not speak to condemn you

condemn - *katákrisis* - the act of condemnation;
lit: a judging down which results in guilt

- I'm not trying to raise a guilt complex among the believers at Corinth.
- I do not want a guilt reaction to what I am saying.

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for - *gar* – expressing the reason for what has been before [for, in the sense of because]

- What follows will give proof that Paul had no unkind feelings.
- He will now give proof that he was not trying to make them feel guilty.

Merryman



³ I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

I have said before – referring back to 6:11-12 – our heart is open wide

that you are in our hearts [so as] – present tense

lit: we have you in our hearts with the result that*

now two results will be given!

1st - **to die together** or “to die with you”

- aorist tense [speaking of fact of the matter]
- You are so much a part of us that we could die together.*
- We are so deeply related in Christ that nothing separates us. I would be willing to die physically with you.*

* Merryman

³ I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.



2nd - and to live together or “to live with you” -present tense

- note that it is “and” not “or”
- The “living with you” is speaking of the Christian life with other believers despite all of our shortcomings.*
- My love for you Corinthians is not threatened by your attitude toward me.*
- Paul realized his job was to present divine viewpoint in the context of God’s love.* * Merryman
- Gal 5:13c but through love serve one another.
- This is a good example of unconditional love. Constable

4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.



great is – lit. I have much – great or large in quantity
my confidence in you

- my boldness of speech toward you Wuest
- toward is the preposition *pros* [speaks of direction]

great is – lit: I have much - same
my boasting on your behalf

- my glorying on behalf of you Interlinear
- on behalf is the preposition *huper* [for the sake of]

4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.



I am filled with comfort

(perfect, indicative, passive)

- Paul is in a permanent state of comfort.
- I have been completely filled with the encouragement.

Wuest

I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction

(present, indicative, passive)

- Paul is being acted upon in the midst of his affliction.
- I am being caused to super-abound with joy in all our tribulation.

Wuest

2 Corinthians Layout



2 Cor 2:12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord,

2 Cor 2:13

- I had no rest for my spirit,
- not finding Titus my brother;
- but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia.

2 Cor 2:14 to 7:4 – Paul describes what a true ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ looks like: see next page!

2 Cor 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.

Christ's life and ministry:*

Final
Thoughts

- is triumphant - 2 Cor 2:14-17
- is manifested through epistles of Christ - 2 Cor 3:1-3
- is in His sufficiency, not ours - 2 Cor 3:4-5
- is not legal, but spiritual & glorious - 2 Cor 3:6-11
- is the revealing of the glory of Christ - 2 Cor 3:12-18
- is His not ours - 2 Cor 4:1
- concerns the glorious gospel of Christ - 2 Cor 4:2-6
- is in power from God - 2 Cor 4:7
- is in God ordains trials & suffering to reveal His Glory -
2 Cor 4:8-18
- is well pleasing to God through our body - 2 Cor 5:1-10
- is revealing Christ – the new creation - 2 Cor 5:11-21
- is supernatural - 2 Cor 6:1-10
- is separated from the world - 2 Cor 6:11-18

