2 Corinthians 7

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, we should cleanse (katharizo- make pure removing all admixture) ourselves from every defilement (pollution, staining, smearing with filth) of flesh and spirit, consummating (epi-upon is apart of this word) holiness (a sanctified state) in the fear (reverence, but can be withdrawal from fright in other contexts) of God.

2 Make room for us; we have unjustly wronged no one, we have corrupted (ruined, deteriorated) no one, we have exploited (defrauded, taken advantage of) no one.

3 I do not say this with condemnation, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on behalf of you; I have been filled with entreatment. I overabound with joy upon all our tribulation.

5 For we having come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but rather we are being oppressed in every way, on the outside conflicts, on the inside fears.

6 But rather God, who is entreating the downcast (lowly), entreated us in the coming (parousia) of Titus,

7 And not only in the coming of him but rather also in the entreaty with which he was entreated upon you, making known to us your earnest longing, your lamenting, your zeal on behalf of me, so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For if I have saddened (grieved, distressed, vexed, pained) you in the letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it, for I see that that letter saddened you even if for an hour.

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were saddened but rather that you were saddened unto repentance, for you were saddened according to God that you might experience loss in nothing from us.

10 For sadness according to God works repentance unto salvation without regret, on the other hand the sadness of the world works out death.

11 Behold, for this very same thing, how much earnestness (speedy diligence, haste) it has worked out in you that have been saddened according to God, but rather also what well-reasoned defense, what indignation, what fear, what earnest longing, what zeal, what vindication! In everything you have proved yourselves to be uncontaminated (chaste, pure, unmixed) in this matter.

12 So then if I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one having done unjustly wrong, nor for the sake of the one having suffered wrong, but rather for the sake of your earnestness on behalf of us being made apparent to you in the sight of God.

13 Because of this we have been entreated. Upon our entreaty, we have rejoiced exceedingly more upon the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed (paused to rest) from all of you.

14 For if I have boasted anything to him about you, I was not put to shame. But rather as we have spoken all things in truth to you, so also our boasting upon Titus became truth.

15 And his deep feelings (gut-level affections) are exceeding unto you, remembering the compliance of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling.

16 I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage in you.