

Sorrow with Joy

II Corinthians 7:2-16

I. Paul's pathos

- A. In this passage, Paul expresses deep emotion.
- B. That emotional content is both happy and sad.

II. Godly sorrow leads to repentance.

III. Paul's example

- A. Endures hardship for the Gospel
- B. Experiences both suffering and joy together

IV. Hardship brought on by proclamation of the Gospel

- A. Obedience induces heat
 - 1. Review Three Trees model from Jer. 17:5-10.
 - 2. Proclaiming Jesus brings difficulty.
 - 3. Hard emotions move us to examine where our trust is not in Jesus.
 - 4. Good fruit amidst hard emotions reveals the glory of Jesus.
 - 5. Trials lead to greater reliance upon God.
- B. Trials purify us (I Pet. 1:7).
 - 1. Bad fruit exposed: opportunity to repent
 - 2. Good fruit displays God's glory.
- C. Testimonies...

V. Disciple-making is the heart of God.

- A. Motivated by love for Him
- B. Love His Kingdom more than happiness
- C. Paul's suffering in Macedonia and Asia
- D. Challenges to us
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