

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Titus (means ‘honorable’)

Titus with Paul and Barnabas at Antioch, and accompanied them to the council at Jerusalem (Gal 2:1-3; Act 15:2), although his name nowhere occurs in the Acts of the Apostles. He appears to have been a Gentile, and to have been chiefly engaged in ministering to Gentiles; for Paul sternly refused to have him circumcised, inasmuch as in his case the cause of gospel liberty was at stake. We find him, at a later period, with Paul and Timothy at Ephesus, whence he was sent by Paul to Corinth for the purpose of getting the contributions of the church there in behalf of the poor saints at Jerusalem sent forward (2Cr 8:6; 12:18). He rejoined the apostle when he was in Macedonia, and cheered him with the tidings he brought from Corinth (7:6-15). After this his name is not mentioned till after Paul's first imprisonment, when we find him engaged in the organization of the church in Crete, where the apostle had left him for this purpose (Tts 1:5). The last notice of him is in 2Ti 4:10, where we find him with Paul at Rome during his second imprisonment. From Rome he was sent into Dalmatia, no doubt on some important missionary errand. We have no record of his death. He is not mentioned in the Acts. – Easton's Bible Dictionary

3. Structure of 2 Cor. 7 “Godliness”

7:1	Cleansing and Perfecting in light of God's Promises
7:2-7	Paul's Intimate Relationship with the Corinthians
7:8-12	Godly Sorrow
7:13-16	Comfort and Joy

4. Read 2 Cor. 7

5. Questions

- a. What are the promises that the first verse mentions? What are the two main things for us to do in light of those promises? And why do we have to do those?
- b. For what do you think Paul, who had willingly accepted all sufferings for Jesus Christ, defended himself from 'false' criticisms in this letter?
- c. Compare the translation of verse 4 with other versions.
- d. Have you ever experienced "conflicts on the outside and fear within" in joining church ministry like Paul experienced? What is the reason that we continue to join church ministry even if there should be conflicts and fear? Find the answer in this letter.
- e. What did Paul mean by "not being harmed in any way by us" in verse 9?
- f. In this letter, Paul often mentioned "sorrowfulness" (2:2, 3, 4, 5, 6:10, 7:8, 9, 10, and 11). Although sorrowfulness was great in his ministry, why do you think Paul continued his ministry?
- g. As mentioned in verse 10, can you tell the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?
- h. Who do you think is "the one who did wrong and the one who was injured" in verse 12?
- i. Chapter 7 is considered as the ending of first half of this letter. What is the key word that begins and ends this letter's first half?

6. Closing Prayer