

## Grace and Truth in Corinth

Second Corinthians 1:24-2:11

### I. The backstory

A. There is uncertainty about the person in question

1. The traditional view: it refers to the immoral man in I Corinthians 5
2. A man who turned others against the Paul

The core problem: un-\_\_\_\_\_ sin

B. Agreement: the matter required decisive action: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Let him who has done this be removed from among you"* [I Corinthians 5:2b]

Like \_\_\_\_\_, unrepentant sin works ruin in a community

Excommunication is for professing \_\_\_\_\_ who refuse to repent of known sin

C. The problem has now changed--the assumption: this person has \_\_\_\_\_

Paul – so severe before – is just as eager to see that this man is \_\_\_\_\_

1. If we love the Lord, we will seek to forgive as He does
2. Withheld forgiveness works \_\_\_\_\_ in a community
3. Withheld forgiveness works ruin in the repentant offender

The person may be *"overwhelmed with excessive sorrow"* [7]

D. Paul is very deliberate in both instances:

The first to confront and then the first to \_\_\_\_\_ the repentant sinner

1. Some would say Paul is too easy here
2. Most – especially in our \_\_\_\_\_ moment--would say he was too hard earlier

### II. Paul's responses are both driven by \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Apostle Paul is a lover of truth

*"Non-intervention is the result of \_\_\_\_\_, not of love"* [Augustine]

B. We must speak the truth in love

1. Paul knows that such discipline is necessary

*"For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth."* [I Cor. 13:8]

2. Paul does not \_\_\_\_\_ such discipline

3. Paul's severity is a manifestation of love

C. The Apostle Paul: lover of \_\_\_\_\_

1. Paul downplays the considerable \_\_\_\_\_ he has endured

2. The goal of confrontation is \_\_\_\_\_

3. Paul is eager to forgive and to comfort this man

*"I beg you to \_\_\_\_\_ your love for him."* [II Corinthians 2:8]

### III. Jesus: the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace and truth

The Cross is where grace and truth/ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ meet

*"We worship at your feet, where wrath and mercy meet"*

### IV. Monday morning \_\_\_\_\_

A. We forgive one another from the heart, over and over

*"\_\_\_\_\_"* is a characteristic of our all-knowing God!

B. *"Restoration is what we \_\_\_\_\_ for"* [II Corinthians 13:8]

C. We become a culture that is full of \_\_\_\_\_