

CHAPTER 32.11
My People
in this ***City***

“NO OBSTACLES”
2 Corinthians 5:11 - 7:16
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Share the gospel without obstacles or compromise.

- I. The Starting Point. (5:11-14a)
 - A. Fear – the fear of the Lord
 - B. Love
 - C. We persuade others. (5:11)
- II. The Gospel of Reconciliation (5:14b-21)
Reconcile: to restore a relationship that has been broken
 - A. The simple good news. (5:14b-15, 19, 21)
 - B. Reconciled lives. (5:15b-18a, 19b-20)
 - C. Now is the favorable time.
- III. No Obstacles (6:3 - 7:1)
 - A. Endure opposition because the value of the gospel is so great. (6:4-5)
 - B. Purity of character for the sake of the gospel. (6:6-7)
 - C. Misunderstood and maligned. (6:8-10)
 - D. For God and God alone! (6:14-7:1)
- IV. No Compromise (7:2-16)
 - A. The gospel truth must be spoken, and it will hurt as it heals.
 - B. Two kinds of grief. (7:10-11)
 - 1. Godly grief -> repentance -> salvation -> no regret
 - 2. Worldly grief -> regrets being exposed, getting caught
Regrets the sin b/c of the consequences of the sin.

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

“GIVEN TO GIVE”
2 Corinthians 8 - 9

Passage Overview:

Having spoken to the Corinthians about the importance of being ambassadors for Christ, Paul suddenly encourages them to take up a generous offering for believers in need. This isn't just an unconnected request before he ends his letter. It is a natural response to the grace they have received in Christ.

Christians are those who have received salvation out of the abundance of God's grace. A natural response of thankful joy is expressed by graciously and generously giving to others. Just as we share the gospel we share material gifts we have received from God. This should never come out of a sense of obligation or duty. Rather, it is the expression of gratitude from a full heart.

The all sufficient One will amply supply every need of His people as they generously use what He provides for the good of others and the glory of His name. Generosity then is never to be used as a manipulative measure; thinking that by giving, we will receive even more. Instead, we recognize that we have been given so that we can give.

God Himself is the indescribable giver. We are the recipients of His generous grace. So as we become more and more like His Son, we too give, just as Jesus has given.

Reading for Next Week: 2 Corinthians 8 - 9