

Godly Change

Description

2 Corinthians 1:18-24

Second Corinthians 1 speaks of God's faithfulness. God always keeps His promises.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all of God's promises. Not only so, but God puts His Spirit in our hearts, sent by Jesus. The promise of the second chapter of Joel has become "Yes" in Jesus! "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people" (v. 28, emphasis added).

Paul wrote to the Corinthian people who believed in Jesus, but his words reverberate down through history to their readers worldwide today! Second Corinthians 1:23 indicates harsh words written before. In 2 Corinthians 7:8-13, Paul further details how he spared them by not coming. It might have been an old-fashioned chewing out, but Paul assured them that he wanted joy for them. Their godly change was his ultimate desire.

Repentance in the life of believers is a tricky subject, but Paul did not evade it. When we stand on God's promises, we must also keep a constant eye on the kind of changes our Christian lives need.

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