

Reaffirm Your Love

2:1 **B**UT I determined this ¹for my own sake, that I ^awould not come to you in sorrow again. 2 For if I ^acause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful? 3 And this is the very thing I ^awrote you, lest, ^bwhen I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having ^cconfidence in you all, that my joy would be *the joy* of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I ^awrote to you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

5 But ^aif any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—¹in order not to say too much—to all of you. 6 Sufficient for such a one is ^athis punishment which was *inflicted by* the majority, 7 so that on the contrary you should rather ^aforgive and comfort *him*, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. 8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him. 9 For to this end also ^aI wrote that I might ¹^bput you to the test, whether you are ^cobedient in all things. 10 But whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes ^ain the presence of Christ, 11 in order that no advantage be taken of us by ^aSatan; for ^bwe are not ignorant of his schemes.

12 Now when I came to ^aTroas for the ^bgospel of Christ and when a ^cdoor was opened for me in the Lord, 13 I ^ahad no rest for my spirit, not finding ^bTitus my brother; but ^ctaking my leave of them, I went on to ^dMacedonia.

14 ^aBut thanks be to God, who always ^bleads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the ^csweet aroma of the ^dknowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a ^afragrance of Christ to God among ^bthose who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 ^ato the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is ^badequate for these things? 17 For we are not like many, ¹^apeddling the word of God, but ^bas from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ ^cin the sight of God.

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¹ Or, *as far as I am concerned*

^a 1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21

^a 2 Cor. 7:8

^a 2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12

^b 1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21

^c Gal. 5:10; 2 Thess. 3:4; Philem. 21

^a 2 Cor. 2:9; 7:8, 12

^a 1 Cor. 5:1f.

¹ Lit., *that I be not burdensome*

^a 1 Cor. 5:4f.; 2 Cor. 7:11

^a Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:32

^a 2 Cor. 2:3f.

¹ Lit., *know the proof of you*

^b 2 Cor. 8:2; Phil. 2:22

^c 2 Cor. 7:15; 10:6

^a 1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Cor. 4:6

^a Matt. 4:10

^b Luke 22:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:8

^a Acts 16:8

^b Rom. 1:1; 2 Cor. 4:3, 4; 8:18; 9:13; 10:14; 11:4, 7; 1 Thess. 3:2

^c Acts 14:27

^a 2 Cor. 7:5

^b 2 Cor. 7:6, 13f.; 8:6, 16, 23; 12:18; Gal. 2:1, 3; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 1:4

^c Mark 6:46

^d Rom. 15:26

^a Rom. 1:8; 6:17; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 8:16; 9:15

^b Col. 2:15

^c Song 1:3; Ezek. 20:41; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18

^d 1 Cor. 12:8

^a Song 1:3; Ezek. 20:41; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18

^b 1 Cor. 1:18

^a Luke 2:34; John 9:39; 1 Pet. 2:7f.

^b 2 Cor. 3:5f.

^l Or, *corrupting*

^a 2 Cor. 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9

^b 1 Cor. 5:8; 2 Cor. 1:12; 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Pet. 4:11

^c 2 Cor. 12:19

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.