

2 CORINTHIANS: FORGIVENESS

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The Corinthian church had been planted by Paul's faithfulness and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. However, they were a work in progress, and they needed to deal with a host of sinful habits that had followed them into the church. At times they conformed to the sinful pattern of Corinth instead of being transformed by God's Word, the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit's power. At times, we have the same struggles and conform to our society. Paul cared deeply about them and wanted them to handle their lives and their church in a God-honoring way. How should the church deal with sin? How should we practice forgiveness?

1. Sin affects not only an _____ but also a church _____.
2. We must hold _____ an _____ sinner for everyone's benefit.
3. We must both show grace and _____ a _____ sinner.
4. When you show _____ toward a repentant offender you open the door for Satan's _____ and show a disregard for Christ's _____ for you.