

“Healing Through Forgiveness”

2 Cor 2:5-11

I. Not Taking Holiness Seriously Enough

A) Culture of Corinth

B) Culture of the Church

1 Corinthians 5:1-2

*“Happiness, and not holiness, is the chief pursuit of most people today, including many professed Christians. They want Jesus to solve their problems and carry their burdens, but they don’t want Him to control their lives and change their character. It doesn’t disturb them that eight times in the Bible, God said to His people, “Be holy, for I am holy,” and He means it.” Warren Weirsby, *Be Holy: Being Set Apart for God*, p.9*

1 Corinthians 5:11-13

*“The more faithful preachers are to the Word of God in their preaching, the more liable they are to the charge of hypocrisy. Why? Because the more faithful people are to the Word of God the higher the message is that they will preach. The higher the message, the further they will be from obeying themselves.” — R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God**

2 Corinthians 2:4

C) Culture of Love = Obeying God

2 Corinthians 2:5-6

II. Not Taking Biblical Forgiveness Seriously Enough

2 Corinthians 2:6-8

A) Forgive Him

“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.” CS Lewis

B) Comfort Him

2 Corinthians 2:7

C) Reaffirm your love for Him

D) Test = Obedient in all things

2 Corinthians 9-11