



Sin happens. It happens to Christians. As we have learned, Christians are not immune to sin, Satan is attacking us even harder, and we are growing, not perfect. Therefore, sins happen even among us.

1. Why This Matters.

- II Corinthians 2:7 explains that if we are too _____, Christ's congregation can be _____ by excessive s_____ and s_____. If we do not _____ properly, we won't be _____ or purifying the Lord's church, we will be _____ the Lord's church.
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote about how many churches _____ with sin and sinners in their _____ (Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Tr. Daniel Bloesch and James Burtress, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, 2005, p. 108).
- II Corinthians 2:5-11 shows the four steps of _____ to the _____ Christian

2. The P _____ C _____ Christian (II Corinthians 2:5-11)

Step #1 - _____ (²Corinthians 2:5, ESV)

- Paul says we _____ to _____
- _____ is more than simply saying, "I accept your _____."
- Psalm 103:3, 8-12 _____ the _____ we have _____ from God with our own _____.
- This is why it is so _____ for us to do more than simply _____ in terms of _____. Luke 17:3

Step #2 – _____ (2Corinthians 2:7, ESV)

- As Paul taught in I Thessalonians 5:11, 14, we are to _____ / _____ one another, even comforting the _____ strugglers.
- The word translated “comfort” literally means to “_____.”
- Here are some things that are not comforting: _____
- Here are some responses that are comforting: _____

Step #3 – _____ (2Corinthians 2:8, ESV)

- This is the “_____” _____ I love
- The word translated “reaffirm” – _____ Gal. 3:15

Step #4 – _____ ”

(Luke 17:3-4, ESV)

- This point doesn’t come from II Corinthians 2 so much as it does from Luke 17:3-4
- no one has a bad _____ in most churches like the _____
- we want to say r_____ demonstrates a lack of real r_____. Jesus is telling us to let God _____ with that.
- Since we are all still _____ and _____, it stands to reason this whole _____ is going to happen _____ & _____.

We often talk about being the hands and feet of Jesus. After all, the church is His body. That means we are actually the visible manifestation of His love and forgiveness.