



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 Burtness, 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.**