



# FOUNDATION OF THE CROSS

2 Corinthians 7:5-12

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**Magnification**

**Ministry**

**Mission**

**Maturity**

**Membership**



## The work in Corinth (Acts 18)

- Paul established the work in Corinth on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey.
- Paul remained in Corinth for 18 months leading people to Christ and training them to carry on the work.
- Some of his co-workers were Silas, Timothy, Priscilla and Aquila.



# EVANGELISM

## (MEMBERSHIP)

- In his work in Corinth, Paul won many to the Lord.
- The Corinthian church was one of the largest works that were established.
- According to church history, the Corinthian church grew to 1,000+.
- They were all meeting in homes for small groups and together in worship on the hillside outside Corinth.



# WORLDLY SORROW

## 1. THE ROUTINE

*“When that desire becomes pregnant, it gives birth to sin; and when that sin grows up, it gives birth to death.” James 1:15*

## 2. THE REALITY

*“We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin.”  
1 John 5:18*

## 3. THE RISK

*“Today when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts...”  
Hebrews 3:7*

## 4. THE RESULT

*“A man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.”  
2 Peter 2:19*



# GODLY SORROW

1. GODLY SORROW COMES WHEN WE OWN OUR SIN.

*“Worldly sorrow brings death but godly sorrow leads to repentance.” 2 Corinthians 7:10*

GRIEF in OUR HEART over  
SIN IS GODLY SORROW!

*“If we CONFESS OUR SINS, HE is faithful & just to forgive us OUR SINS.” 1 John 1:9*



# GODLY SORROW

## 2. GODLY SORROW TURNS OUR ATTENTION TO THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS FOR OUR SINS.

*“Now when the centurion and those with him,  
who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw what  
took place, he said, “Truly this man was God’s  
Son!” Matthew 27:54*

*“If you love ME, keep MY commandments.”  
John 14:15*



# GODLY SORROW

## 3. GODLY SORROW BRINGS PERSONAL HEARTACHE.

*“I now rejoice, that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret.” 2 Corinthians 7:9-10*




# GODLY SORROW

## 4. GODLY SORROW ACTIVATES A NATURAL SURRENDER.

*“But thanks be to God! He gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 15:57

*“Whom the SON sets FREE is FREE  
indeed.”* John 8:36

A photograph of a cross on a hill. The cross is dark and stands against a bright, hazy sky. A rainbow is visible in the sky, arching over the cross. A bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is positioned behind the cross, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is serene and symbolic.

*“For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.”*

**2 Corinthians 7:10**

A silhouette of a cross on a hill with a rainbow in the background.

# A time of Commitment ...

An act of worship and an opportunity to speak with the Pastor or lay leaders regarding spiritual decisions or specific prayer requests. You may also use this time for prayer at the altar.