

New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Biblical Forgiveness

{2 Corinthians 2:5-11}

v.5) *“But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.”*

“But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. [ASV]

- Paul does not suffer from a wounded ego or pride but he is actually trying to minimize the situation and diffuse any potential hard feelings.
- It is a beautiful thing in a church when people are quick to reconcile with each other.
- He is also showing that he doesn't take the offense personally and he's willing to let it go. {Prov. 19:11}
- Because he cares for them so much his heart goes out to this congregation because they have to deal directly with the person in their congregation.

v.6) *“Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.”*

- Paul explains that the punishment was sufficient indicating that now it's time to show mercy to the repentant man, in short he does not want to cast him to the side. {Is. 42:3}
- “inflicted by many” – this is an indication that the church was mature enough to be unified in judging the sin of the offending man.

v.7) *“So that contrarivise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.”*

- Contrary to punishment they are called upon to forgive. {Lk. 17:3,4}
- “swallowed” – a Greek word that means to totally devour something.

