

I. We can have victory in Jesus

II. 3 Steps in Paul's lesson

- a. The pain (vs 1-4)
- b. The cause of the pain (vs 5-11)
- c. The triumph over the pain (vs 12-17)

III. Paul's pain

- a. Paul has already had one painful visit
 - i. His _____ and his _____ are expressed in vs 2
 - ii. He writes so that his in-person visit can be a joy
- b. Paul's wound is deep but only because his _____ for the Corinthian church is deep
 - i. Christ in him and in them is bigger than any pain they can endure
 - ii. We can be so cente4rd on what we want right now, that we completely miss what God has for us in the long run (Col 3:1-4).

IV. The cause of Paul's pain

- a. If one suffers, they all suffer
- b. Paul's resolution to the pain is for everyone to forgive the offender
 - i. And to restore him to fellowship and love him
 1. C.S. Lewis “We all agree that forgiveness is a beautiful idea until we have to practice it.
- c. Paul want the wounds to _____. He wants them to _____ as they have been _____.

V. Triumph over pain

- a. Paul is disappointed that Titus has not met him in Troas
 - i. He is so distracted that he's having a hard time _____ the gospel
 - ii. Paul handle his anxiety by thanks God!
 1. Who...”in Jesus Christ leads us in _____ procession”
- b. Paul gains victory in remembering that he is the aroma of Christ.
- c. The victory we have in Christ is not necessarily over outside forces
 - i. It is victory over the inner struggle