



# GULF SHORES

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## ***Saints Can Find Hope In Satisfaction (II Corinthians 7)***

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. The letters we call “I & II Corinthians” are only part of Paul’s correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was well received. The “saints” of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. This chapter is about finding satisfaction in the things that matter. Let’s study together...

### Discussion:

#### ***I. A Change of Heart (vs.1-4)***

- A clean heart will produce godliness (**Psalm 51:10**).
- A clean heart will perfect holiness (**Matthew 5:48**).
- A clean heart will prosecute no one (**Romans 2:1**).
- A clean heart will program our speech (**Ephesians 4:29**)

#### ***II. A Change of Plans (vs.5-12)***

- Do not become weary in doing good (**Galatians 6:9**).
- Do not neglect your salvation (**Philippians 2:12**).
- Do not neglect true repentance (**Philippians 3:19-21**).
- Do not ignore true religion (**James 1:27**).

#### ***III. A Change of Behavior (vs.13-16)***

- Repentance strengthens God’s message (**Luke 3:7-8**).
- Repentance unlocks God’s plan (**Luke 13:3-5**).
- Repentance emphasizes God’s work (**Acts 2:38-39**).
- Repentance supports God’s will (**II Peter 3:9**).

Conclusion: Paul says, “*I rejoice that I have confidence in you and everything*” (**II Corinthians 7:16**). What a statement of satisfaction. He was confident in the brethren in Corinth. He knew they were willing to change. They wanted to find contentment. Are you ready to be filled with hope? Have you accepted the will of God? Will you share hope with others?