

# The Sins of the Corinthians

*2 Corinthians 12:20-21*



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- 2Co 7:6-11 But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more. 8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of* God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.



- afraid
- φοβέω
- phobeō
- 1) to put to flight by terrifying (to scare away)
- 1a) to put to flight, to flee
- 1b) to fear, be afraid
- 1b1) to be struck with fear, to be seized with alarm
- 1b1a) of those startled by strange sights or occurrences
- 1b1b) of those struck with amazement
- 1b2) to fear, be afraid of one
- 1b3) to fear (i.e. hesitate) to do something (for fear of harm)
- 1c) to reverence, venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience
- phobeó: to put to flight, to terrify, frighten
- Original Word: φοβέομαι  
Part of Speech: Verb  
Transliteration: phobeó  
Phonetic Spelling: (fob-eh'-o)  
Definition: to put to flight, to terrify, frighten  
Usage: I fear, dread, reverence, am afraid, terrified.
- Cognate: 5399 *phobéō* – to *fear, withdraw (flee) from, avoid*. See 5401 (*phobos*).

- strife
- ἔρις
- eris
- 1) contention, strife, wrangling
- eris: strife
- Original Word: ἔρις, ἰδος, ἡ
- Part of Speech: Noun,  
Feminine
- Transliteration: eris
- Phonetic Spelling: (er'-is)
- Definition: strife

Usage: contention, strife, wrangling.

- 2054 *éris*(a primitive word, *NAS* dictionary) – literally quarrel, strife; properly, a readiness to quarrel (having a *contentious* spirit), affection for dispute.

- jealousy
- ζήλος
- zēlos; prob. from *G2204*; *zeal, jealousy*: — fury (1), jealousy (9), zeal (6).
- zélos: zeal, jealousy
- Transliteration: zélos  
Definition: zeal, jealousy
- NAS Exhaustive Concordance
- Word Origin  
probably from zeó  
Definition  
zeal, jealousy

- Angry tempers
- θυμός
- thumos
- *thoo-mos'*
- From G2380; *passion* (as if *breathing* hard): - fierceness, indignation, wrath. Compare G5590.
- Strong's Concordance
- thumos: passion
- Original Word: θυμός, οὔ, ὁ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine  
Transliteration: thumos  
Phonetic Spelling: (thoo-mos')  
Definition: passion  
Usage: an outburst of passion, wrath.
- 2372 *thymós* (from *thyō*, "*rush along, getting* heated up, breathing violently," cf. J. Thayer) – properly, *passion*-driven behavior, i.e. actions emerging out of *strong impulses* (intense emotion).
- When 2372 */thymós* ("expressed passion") is used of people it indicates *rage* (personal venting of *anger*, worth). This flaw is completely absent of the Lord expressing (inspiring) *intense* anger. Accordingly, 2372 (*thymós*) is used of God's perfect, holy *wrath* in *Revelation* (Rev 14:10,19,15:1, etc.). This anger is directed *against* sin with intense *opposition* and *without sin*.
- [Only the Lord exercises *righteous wrath*, so we must depend solely on Him as we experience (express) anger.]



- disputes
- ἐριθεία
- eritheia
- *er-ith-i'-ah*
- Perhaps from the same as G2042; properly *intrigue*, that is, (by implication) *faction*: - contention (-ious), strife.
- eritheia: rivalry, hence ambition
- Original Word: ἐριθεία, ας, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: eritheia  
Phonetic Spelling: (er-ith-i'-ah)  
Definition: rivalry, ambition

Usage: (the seeking of followers and adherents by means of gifts, the seeking of followers, hence) ambition, rivalry, self-seeking; a feud, faction.

- 2052 *eritheía* (from *eritheuō*, "work for hire") – properly, work done *merely for hire* (as a *mercenary*), referring therefore to *carnal ambition* (*selfish rivalry*).
- Ancient Greek uses 2052 */eritheía* ("mercenary self-seeking") of acting for one's *own gain*, regardless of the discord (strife) it causes. 2052 */eritheía* ("selfish ambition") places self-interest ahead of what *the Lord* declares right, or what is good for others.

- καταλαλία
- katalalia
- *kat-al-al-ee'-ah*
- From G2637; *defamation*: - backbiting, evil speaking.
- katalalia: evil-speaking
- Original Word: καταλαλιά, ας, ἡ  
 Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
 Transliteration: katalalia  
 Phonetic Spelling: (kat-al-al-ee'-ah)  
 Definition: evil-speaking  
 Usage: evil-speaking, backbiting, detraction, slander.
- Cognate: 2636 *katalalía* – evil speech, slander (railing, defaming talk). See 2635 (*katalaleō*).

- gossip
- ψιθυρισμός
- psithurismos
- *psith-oo-ris-mos'*
- From a derivative of ψίθος psithos (a *whisper*; by implication a *slander*; probably akin to G5574); *whispering*, that is, secret *detraction*: - whispering.
- psithurismos: a whispering
- Original Word: ψιθυρισμός, οὔ, ὁ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine  
Transliteration: psithurismos  
Phonetic Spelling: (psith-oo-ris-mos')

Definition: a whispering

Usage: a whispering, secret slandering.

- 5587 *psithyrismós* (from *psithos*, "whisper") – properly, a *whispering* to "quietly" spread *malicious gossip*; "*whispering*" that launches "secret attacks on a person's character" (Souter).
- [5587 (*psithyrismós*) is "an onomatopoetic word for the sibilant murmur of a snake charmer (Ecc 10:11)" (*WP* at 2 Cor 12:20).]

- arrogance
- φυσίωσις
- phusiōsis
- *foo-see'-o-sis*
- From G5448; *inflation*, that is, (figuratively) *haughtiness*: - swelling.
- phusiósís: a puffing up
- Original Word: φυσίωσις, εως, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: phusiósís  
Phonetic Spelling: (foo-see'-o-sis)  
Definition: a puffing up  
Usage: a puffing up, pride, swelling.
- Cognate: 5450 *physiōsis* (from 5448 */physiōō*, "inflated, like an air-bellow") – arrogance (negative pride), fostering an *inflated ego* ("a swelled sense of self") and only used in 2 Cor 12:20.



- disturbances
- ἀκαταστασία
- akatastasia
- *ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah*
- From G182; *instability*, that is, *disorder*: - commotion, confusion, tumult.
- akatastasia: instability
- Original Word: ἀκαταστασία, ας, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: akatastasia  
Phonetic Spelling: (ak-at-as-tah-see'-ah)  
Definition: instability  
Usage: disturbance, upheaval, revolution, almost anarchy, first in the political, and thence in the moral sphere.
- 181 *akatastasia* (from /A "not," 2596 /*katá*, "down" and *stasis*, "status, standing," cf. 2476 /*hístēmi*) – properly, can *not* stand (remain steady); *unsettled, unstable* (in *tumult*); (figuratively) *instability* bringing on *disorder (disturbance)*.
- 181 /*akatastasia* ("commotion") generates confusion (things being "out of control"), i.e. when "up for grabs." This *uncertainty and tumult* inevitably generates more *instability*.

- impure
- ἀκαθαρσία
- akatharsia
- *ak-ath-ar-see'-ah*
- From G169; *impurity* (the quality), physically or morally: - uncleanness.
- Strong's Concordance
- akatharsia: uncleanness
- Original Word: ἀκαθαρσία, ας, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: akatharsia  
Phonetic Spelling: (ak-ath-ar-see'-ah)  
Definition: uncleanness  
Usage: uncleanness, impurity.
- Cognate: 167 *akatharsía* (from /A "not" and 2513 /*katharós*, "clean because unmixed, pure") – ritual *impurity*, caused by leprosy, open infection, child birth, touching a corpse, etc. See 169 (*akathartos*).
- [This use of 167 /*akatharsía* occurs in the LXX (see Lev 9:6, 12:5, 13:11, etc.).]

- immorality
- πορνεία
- porneia
- *por-ni'-ah*
- From G4203; *harlotry* (including *adultery* and *incest*); figuratively *idolatry*: - fornication.
- porneia: fornication
- Original Word: πορνεία, ας, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: porneia  
Phonetic Spelling: (por-ni'-ah)  
Definition: fornication  
Usage: fornication, whoredom; met: idolatry.
- 4202 *porneía* (the root of the English terms "pornography, pornographic"; cf. 4205 /*pórnos*) which is derived from *pernaō*, "to sell off") – properly, a *selling off* (surrendering) of sexual purity; *promiscuity* of any (every) type.
- [See also the contrasting term, 3430 /*moixeía* ("*marital unfaithfulness*").]

- sensuality
- ἀσέλγεια
- aselgeia
- *as-elg'-i-a*
- From a compound of G1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed σελγής selgēs (of uncertain derivation, but apparently meaning *continent*); *licentiousness* (sometimes including other vices): - filthy, lasciviousness, wantonness.
- aselgeia: licentiousness, wantonness
- Original Word: ἀσέλγεια, ας, ἡ  
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine  
Transliteration: aselgeia  
Phonetic Spelling: (as-elg'-i-a)  
Definition: licentiousness, wantonness  
Usage: (outrageous conduct, conduct shocking to public decency, a wanton violence), wantonness, lewdness.
- 766 *asélgeia* (from *aselgēs*/"brutal") – properly, *violent spite* which *rejects restraint* and indulges in lawless insolence (wanton caprice).
- [This is likewise the meaning of 766 /*asélgeia* in classical Greek (WS, 110).]