

2 CORINTHIANS

Second Corinthians is the follow up to a previous letter Paul had written to the church at Corinth. Paul _____ the church in Corinth according to Acts 18, when he went to the city and stayed a year and a half. He moved on but received a letter from some believers in the church about _____ they were having. He responded to each issue in a letter that we know as 1 Corinthians. The book of 2 Corinthians is Paul responding to how they _____ to his first letter.

There is an interesting detail about the book of 2 Corinthians that we may miss with a casual reading. After Paul sent the first letter, he actually made a _____ in person (ch2:1-4). After the first letter Paul dropped in to see how things were going. He found out that his first letter wasn't _____ very well. He leaves and addresses some of the challenges that had arisen with this second letter (2 Cor 7:8-9). This letter is more _____ than doctrinal because Paul is answering several _____ against himself. That was the response to the first letter by a rather _____ church.

Chapter 1

Paul opens the letter with a salutation (v1-2) where he _____ his apostleship but also speaks endearingly toward those in the church. In (v3-11) Paul talks about the faithfulness of God to comfort his saints in times of trouble and how he then lets us use that in _____ to others. Paul now makes a plea about the _____ behind his first letter (v12- Ch 2:4) and his plans. He sent the letter with the _____ of intentions, without malice, to help correct the problems he was asked about.

Chapter 2

Paul addresses the _____ of the man who was placed on church discipline as a result of his first letter (v5-11). Paul expresses how that even though a great opportunity was afforded him at Troas, which he was sure God orchestrated, his heart was still _____ about what was going on at Corinth (v12-17).

Chapter 3

The first letter had initially ruffled some feathers in the church. As a result they began to _____ Paul. This chapter opens with the Corinthians wanting letters of recommendation to verify Paul's apostleship (v1). Paul responds by telling them, _____ are my letter. Paul goes on to give _____ the glory for everything, he didn't consider himself special and realized that neither he nor other ministers they favored were responsible for anything of spiritual value without Gods _____ on them.

Chapter 4

Paul makes the case, that his calling into the gospel ministry has caused him to live his life as an _____, nothing to hide. Because of this, he is not afraid to be questioned about his apostleship (v1-2). His commitment to a life of _____ was for the purpose of making sure that his life wasn't a hinderance to others receiving the gospel (v3-6). One of the ways the Corinthians tried to _____ on the authenticity of his ministry was by highlighting things they thought made him inferior to other ministers they approved of like his poverty, _____ physical appearance and _____ oratory skills. Paul doesn't defend himself but highlights that all his sufferings and insufficiencies serve the purpose of bringing God _____ (v7-18).

Chapter 5

Continuing from the previous chapter, Paul highlights the fact that regardless of what this life may bring us, by way of hardships, this life is not the _____ chapter (v1). With eternity in view, the Christian lives their life purposefully knowing that the possibility of _____ awaits them (v2-10). It's this appointment with judgement that causes Paul to want to be busy in exercising the ministry of the _____ (v11-21).

Chapter 6

Paul now encourages them not to _____ the responsibility of their reconciliation ministry (v1-13). Now he teaches them the important truth that to execute the ministry of reconciliation the _____ of the minister matters (v3-18)

Chapter 7

Continuing the thoughts from the last chapter, Paul encourages their _____ (v1). Now he makes the case to them, that though they had hard feelings toward him over the first letter, he hadn't _____ them by sending it (v2), he did it because he _____ them (v3) and it _____ what he intended it to (v4-12).

Chapter 8-9

The church in Jerusalem which was mostly _____ had fallen on hard times because of a famine. Paul had been raising money by way of a relief offering from some of the _____ he had started like Macedonia and Galatia. These churches mainly consisted of Gentiles so this act of charity would go a long way in strengthening the _____ in the body of Christ. The church at Corinth had yet to give and he appeals to them to do so. Paul spends the last four chapters defending himself from a plethora of _____ against him. He doesn't always state the charge but we can deduct from the defense what the charge was.

Chapter 10

(v1-6) Paul's defense from the accusation that he operated with the methods of a _____ man.

Chapter 11

What the church of Corinth didn't understand is that while they were at _____ with Paul over his rebuttal of their issues, they were opening themselves up to being deceived by false teachers. They challenged his apostleship but _____ false apostles. Paul finishes the chapter pleading his case that if they have confidence in the genuineness of the other apostles, he had a more impressive **resume** (v16-33).

Chapter 12

Now Paul tells where his resume far exceeds other men. He cites his heavenly vision and _____ (v1-10). In amazing fashion and as a sign of the genuineness of his calling, Paul's love for them does not _____ in the face of their vitriol (v11-21).

Chapter 13

Paul finishes the second letter to the Corinthians with a _____.