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2 Corinthians

Background to 2 Corinthians

- ▶ Paul wrote 1 Corinthians from Ephesus (1 Co 16:8)
- ▶ Ran out of Ephesus
- ▶ Went to Macedonia (Philippi, Thessonica, Berea, others)
- ▶ Then Corinth 3 Mos

Chapters 1-7: Paul's Principles: 2 Co 1:9-14

- “Testimony of our Conscience was a Conversation and Service to Corinthians with”:
 - Sufferings
 - 1:1-9, 4:7-18, 5:1-10, chpt 6,
 - Simplicity and Sincerity
 - 1:12, 1:17-20, 2:17, 3:12, 4:1-5, 5:10-11,
 - Not with fleshly wisdom but by grace of God
 - 2:17, 3:5, 4:1-5, 5:12-21,
- Other things you hear about us (other than what he taught/wrote, are not authentic (there are wolves in the sheepfold seeking to devour the sheep))
 - 1:21-22, 3:1-4, 6-18, 4:1-7, 7:2
- Mutual rejoicing in their relationship: “Comfort” and Comradery:
 - 1:3-7, 14, 21-24, 2:1-4, 5:12, Chpt 6—whole thing, 7:4-7

1-7 Chapter Summary

- ▶ Chpt 1: Introduction
- ▶ Chpt 2: Consolation, forgiveness, Satan's devices, message manifest with bipolar results.
- ▶ Chpt 3: Relationship based in their spiritual history together. Liberty in the Spirit vs Legalism.
- ▶ Chpt 4: Those who don't get it, didn't get it (Detractors are lost). True ministers lay down their lives
- ▶ Chpt 5: Willingness to die, Judgment seat, motivation is love, not self-commendation, no fleshly self-glorification in Christ.
- ▶ Chpt 6: Come join us in the work of God! (hard, costly, sacrificial, etc.)
- ▶ Chpt 7: Cleanse yourself, receive God's ministers, comfort, repentance, confidence.

Chpts 8-9: Collection for the Poor Saints

- ▶ 2 Co 8:24, 9:7-15—motivation, comfort, results seen in admonition to give.



Chpt 10-13: Paul's self-defense

- ▶ Chpt 10:
 - ▶ Don't think we are like you are. Verses 2,7,12...
 - ▶ 2Co 10:17-18 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (18) For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

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▶ Chpt 11-12

▶ Paul's folly:

- ▶ 11:3-4: Is there a better message? A better Savior...?
- ▶ 11:6-15: Paul's actions were deliberately self-abasing, False would-be leaders took advantage of that to defame him for their own self-advancement.
- ▶ 11:6-12:6: Comparisons Paul style (conversation in the world, service to churches, etc.)
- ▶ 12:7-13: Strength thru weakness
- ▶ 12:15: Charity used against him as marker of weakness/un-authorization
- ▶ 12:19-21: Paul's visit will set things straight—how will we be found of each other then?

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- ▶ Chpt 13: Conclusion