

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #40 – 2 Corinthians

**PRAYER:** Father in heaven, help me to read Your Word with an open mind and ready heart. Make it possible for me to receive correction from those who are concerned with my eternal welfare. Keep me always eager to accept and love my brothers and sisters in Christ no matter what they say or do to me. Give me the heart of Christ. In His name, Amen.

**Notes on 2 Corinthians:** This letter apparently was written later in the same year as 1 Corinthians (55 A.D.). Paul had not yet gone to Corinth since the first letter. His change in plans is part of the reason for this letter.

Because of things his antagonists were saying about him, Paul seems determined in this letter to defend himself and his ministry. He mentions more about himself in 2 Corinthians than in his other letters. Paul's pastoral heart is very evident throughout the epistle. He corrects and chastises only with their eternal welfare in mind. In that way, he is a good example to Christians and Pastors today. (See especially chapter 7.)

Favorite Verse (As you read, pick out one significant verse that helps you in your spiritual walk.) Write it here.

Questions on 2 Corinthians:

1. Chapter 1:1-11 – Paul speaks of **comfort** he receives from the Lord. He mentions some of his troubles. What is one particular comfort **you** receive from the Lord?
2. Throughout the whole letter, Paul is defending his actions to the Corinthians. As you read along, pick out at least 5 things Paul says to defend himself.
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3. Chapter 1:18-20 – What are some of the promises in Jesus that God has said “yes” to?
4. Chapter 2 Paul refers to 1 Corinthians and the man they were to expel from the church. What apparently happened to that man and what were the Corinthians to do?

5. Chapter 3:7-18 – The Gospel is glorious in that it can change lives. In verse 14, what is Paul saying about those who only read the Old Testament without understanding it points to Jesus?
  
6. Chapter 4 – How are we the “clay pots” (verse 7) which contain the Gospel?
  
7. Chapter 6:16-21 – How are we a “new creation” in Christ Jesus?
  
8. In chapter 8 & 9 have more to say about Christian Stewardship than most any other section of Scripture. As you read these two chapters, list at least 5 important principles of Christian Stewardship. (Example: The Macedonian churches gave because they wanted to. No one forced them – 8:3-4.)
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9. Chapter 10 Paul says a lot about boasting. Finally, he summarizes his thoughts in 10:17. What are some things you can boast in the Lord about?
  
10. Chapter 11:14 – Paul says that Satan will masquerade as an angel of light even though he is the prince of darkness. Think about our present world. What are some of the ways Satan is trying to pass himself off as an angel of light?
  
11. Chapter 12:7-8 – How might a “thorn in the flesh help us in our lives?
  
12. Chapter 13:14 – This benediction is often used in our worship services. The Trinity is clearly mentioned by Paul. What are some of the key words and thoughts you have when you hear this blessing given?

Your question on 2 Corinthians...

Read Galatians