

COMMENTARY

II CORINTHIANS 6

vs. 1- 2:

Paul challenges the Corinthians to be faithful to God that they might be found faithful and inherit eternal life. He reminds them that the time for faithfulness and response to the gospel is now, it is immediate and they need to respond!

vs. 3-13:

He had demonstrated that they did whatever was possible to help people, rather than prevent them from accepting the message. One can take a look at what Paul endured for the sake of Christ and can see that he set the example of faithfulness in all situations.

He expresses his disappointment that they have not accepted him in love and still question his ministry. He appeals for them to accept him with love, even as he has ministered and loved them.

vs. 14-18:

God calls for His people not to be joined with unbelievers (this would include marriage, business and other joint commitments in life). He warns us that such joint commitments could tempt us to compromise our Christian values. We are to be a distinct people that shine as examples!

God will then walk with us, dwell with us and be our God.

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II CORINTHIANS 7

vs. 1:

Realizing that God promises to treat us in such a manner, we should be sure that we put off all sin in our lives and commit ourselves wholly to God Almighty.

vs. 2-16:

Paul is still pleading with the Corinthians that they will come to love him as much as he loves them. When the opposition became fierce in Macedonia, Paul found strength and comfort in Titus' arrival and the message that he had from the Corinthians.

Paul was not sorry for the pain that he had caused the Corinthians for it had caused godly sorrow. Godly sorrow brings repentance and leads to salvation (compared to worldly sorrow which only brings death). Since the Corinthians had repented and changed; Paul was glad.

The chapter concludes with Paul praising them for their righteousness, which did not let him down when Titus visited Corinth.

II CORINTHIANS 8

vs. 1-15:

Paul challenges the Corinthians to finish up the task of giving to other Christians and meeting their needs. They were among the first to want to help and begin to help and Paul now challenges them to finish the job.

Paul uses the generosity of the churches of Macedonia as an example of generosity. Even though the Christians there were poor, they still gave generously to others.

The Corinthians are then reminded that if the time comes and they are in need; that other Christians will come to their aid.

vs. 16-24:

Paul re-assures the Corinthians that Titus has the same love and concern for them as Paul does. Not only is he coming, but he is bringing along another person to help in the distribution of the offerings of the Churches.

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II CORINTHIANS 9

vs. 1- 5:

Paul continues the section on giving, instructing them to have the money all collected by the time that he arrives.

vs. 6-15:

He now reminds them that the Lord blesses those who give generously to the ones in need. Each person giving, should do so with cheerfulness. This service of theirs will cause others to praise God for such fine Christian people .

II CORINTHIANS 10

vs. 1-18:

Paul again speaks concerning those who are trying to undermine his authority and ministry. He warns them that he will be just as outspoken when he arrives, as he has been in his letters. He suggests that rather than trying to judge as to which one is better, they should rather allow the Lord to be the one to commend their work and if they are going to boast, they should boast in the Lord.

STUDY GUIDE

II CORINTHIANS 6

1. What were they not to receive in vain?
2. When did God help them?
3. What did Paul not put in peoples' paths?
4. As what, did Paul commend himself?
5. What type of persecution did he face? (see vs. 5)
6. What characteristics did he exhibit? (see vs. 6)
7. What did Paul always do, even though he was sorrowful at times?
8. What had Paul opened wide to the Corinthians?
9. What had they withheld from him?
10. What are we not to be yoked together with?
11. What did God say, in verse 16?
12. What are God's people to do, according to verse 17?

BONUS:

1. What does Paul mean by: "receiving God's grace in vain"?
2. What trial have you suffered for Christ?
3. What is the danger in being yoked with an unbeliever?

STUDY GUIDE

II CORINTHIANS 7:

1. What should we do, since we have the promises of God?
2. What had Paul not done to anyone?
3. What did Paul have in the Corinthians?
4. What did Paul have on the outside and on the inside?
5. Who does God comfort?
6. How did God comfort Paul?
7. What did Paul not regret?
8. What did their sorrow lead to?
9. What does godly sorrow do?
10. What does godly sorrow produce?
11. Why was Titus happy?
12. Why is Titus' affection for the Corinthians, greater?

BONUS:

1. How can Christian develop the type of affection Paul had for the Corinthians?
2. What's the difference between worldly and godly sorrow?
3. How can we be an encouragement to others?

Study Guide

II Corinthians 8:

1. What, of the Macedonians, welled up into rich generosity?
2. What privilege did the Macedonians seek?
3. What did the Macedonians give themselves to first?
4. What did Paul say the Corinthians excelled in?
5. What did Jesus do, so we might become rich?
6. What did Paul want their eager willingness, to be matched by?
7. What was Paul's desire (see vs. 13)?
8. Who had the same concern for the Corinthians, as Paul?
9. How was Titus coming?
10. What was Paul taking pains to do?
11. How does Paul describe Titus? (see vs. 23)
12. What were the Corinthians to show their visitors?

BONUS

1. Are Christians as generous today, as in the first century? Explain.
2. Explain how verse 13-15 should be applied today.
3. Are there people who serve a role like Titus did, today?

STUDY GUIDE

II Corinthians 9:

1. What did Paul know about the Corinthians?
2. What had the Corinthians eagerness, accomplished?
3. Why was Paul sending the brothers?
4. How were they not to give their generous gift?
5. Who will reap generously?
6. Who does God love?
7. What can God do; allowing them to abound in every good work?
8. What endures forever?
9. What will God supply and increase?
10. Why would God make them rich?
11. What was their generous doing?
12. Why would men praise God? (see vs. 13)

BONUS:

1. What does Paul teach about giving?
2. Can a person outgive God? Explain.
3. How does our generosity touch people today?

STUDY GUIDE

II Corinthians 10:

1. How did Paul appeal to them?
2. What did Paul beg them, regarding his coming?
3. What do we not do, as the world does?
4. What would Paul demolish?
5. What would Paul take captive?
6. What would Paul punish?
7. Why did the Lord give Paul authority?
8. How does Paul say he would behave, when he came? (see vs. 11)
9. When the false teachers compared and commended themselves, what were they not?
10. What would Paul confine his boasting to?
11. What should we boast in?
12. Who is the one approved?

BONUS:

1. How are Christians to wage war?
2. Against what, are Christians to wage war?
3. Should we boast about what God has done through us? Explain.