

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

**Theme: THE HEART OF GOD'S SERVANT**

***General Outline: II Corinthians***

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1A. THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - II CORINTHIANS 1:3-7:16  
(132 VERSES)

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2B. The **CONSCIENCE** of God's servant – 1:8-12

3B. The **CONFIDENCE** of the believer – 1:13-24

4B. The **CONCERN** of God's servant – 2:1-11

5B. The **COMMITMENT** of God's servant – 2:12-17

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2A. THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II CORINTHIANS 8:1-9:15  
(39 VERSES)

v. 7 – “*see that ye abound in this grace also*”

v. 11 – “*perform the doing of it*”

v. 24 – “*shew ye to them...the proof of your love*”

9:3 – “*ye may be ready*”

1B. The **PATTERN** of giving of the Macedonians - 8:1-5

2B. The **PROOF** of love – 8:6-24

3B. The **PRINCIPLES** of giving – 9:1-15

3A. THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II CORINTHIANS 10:1-13:14  
(86 VERSES)

1B. As to spiritual **AUTHORITY** – 10:1-18

2B. As to false **APOSTLES** – 11:1-15

3B. As to serious **AFFLICTIONS** – 11:16-33

4B. As to Satanic **ATTACKS** – 12:1-10

5B. As to personal **ATTITUDES** – 12:11-21

6B. As to continual **ABSENCE** – 13:1-14

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 1

## “THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT”

*II Corinthians 1:1-7*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

- (1) Paul’s **DESCRIPTION** of himself and Timothy  
“*an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God*”

cf. *I Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; I Tim. 1:1*

Timothy – “*our brother*” – *Acts 16:1-3; I Cor. 4:17; 16:10; Phil. 2:19-22; II Timothy 1:2-8*

- (2) The **DESTINATION** of the letter  
“*unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia*” –

cf. *I Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2; I Thess. 1:1; II Thess. 1:1*

NOTE: Corinth was destroyed by the Romans in 146 BC and rebuilt by Julius Caesar in 44 BC, populated by Italians, not Greeks. Famous for its worship of the goddess, Aphrodite, plus many other pagan gods.

- (3) The **DELIVERY** of greetings  
“*Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ*”

cf. *Rom. 1:7; I Cor. 1:3; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; I Thess. 1:1; II Thess. 1:2; I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4*

KEY WORD: “COMFORT”

Greek: *parakaleo* – verb used 107 times, of which 15 are in II Corinthians; noun *parakalesis*, is used 29 times – 10 in II Corinthians; another noun *parakletos* is used five times, referring to the Holy Spirit four times (*John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7*) and to Jesus Christ once as our “Advocate” (*I John 2:1*)

The word is translated as “comfort” or “consolation” or “encouragement” or “counsel” or “exhortation.” It is the Bible that brings this “comfort” (*Romans 15:4*). There are some believers who have this as a spiritual gift (*Romans 12:8*), and this “comfort” or “exhortation” is to be done “with all longsuffering and doctrine” (*II Timothy 4:2*).

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The word means literally "*one called alongside of*" and refers to the encouragement and counsel which is given to another. Barnabas, the associate of Paul, was called "*the son of consolation*" (*Acts 4:36*).

### GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK:

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - *II Corinthians 1:3-7:16*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - *II Corinthians 8:1-9:15*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - *II Corinthians 10:1-13:14*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - *II Corinthians 1:3-7:16*

1A. THE COMFORT OF THE LORD - 1:3-7

1B. It is ROOTED in the character of God Himself – 3  
"*Blessed be God*" – cf. *Psalm 41:13; 72:19; 89:52; 106:48*

1C. His Compassion comes from a Father's heart  
"*the Father of mercies*" Greek: *oiktirmos* – used 5 times  
cf. *Rom. 12:1; Phil. 2:1; Col. 3:12* - cf. *Psalm 51:1; 103:8-14; 130:7-8*

2C. His Comfort covers every situation and circumstance that we might face  
"*the God of ALL comfort*"

2B. It is REVEALED in times of difficulty and trial – 4

1C. The Problems are unavoidable  
"*in all our tribulation*" Greek: *thlipsis* – 45 times; 8 in II Cor.  
v. 6 – "*afflicted*" – same root: *thlibo* – used 10 times

cf. *II Cor. 1:8; 4:8-10, 16-18; 6:4-5; 7:5 Eph. 3:13; Phil. 1:15-16; Heb. 10:32-33*

NOTE: Jonathan Edwards wrote:

*"All the instruments employed by God in the promotion of His work, have been greatly tried; their labors have been mingled with their tears; and they have not only suffered from their own personal share of human imperfection, but have found in the ignorance, the perverse dispositions, and the unholy practices of others, their sharpest sorrows. They have been grieved by foes, but more injured and vexed by pretended friends."*

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2C. The **Purpose** is beyond our own personal difficulties  
*"that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble"*

3C. The **Person** God uses  
*"by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God"*

3B. It is **REFLECTED** in the sufferings of Jesus Christ – 5  
*"For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ."*

*cf. Col. 1:24; I Peter 2:19-23; 4:12-19*

In the garden: *"Not my will but Thine be done"* Greek: *pathema* – 16 times;  
*pascho* – 41 times

4B. It is **RELATED** to the effect our trials and the comfort we receive will have  
upon others – 6

*"for your consolation and salvation"*

5B. It is **RECOGNIZED** as a definite result of our suffering – 7  
*"our hope of you is steadfast"* (Greek: *bebaios* – 9 times)

*Hebrews 6:19; II Peter 1:10, 19*

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Message No. 02

**“OUR GOD WILL DELIVER US!”**

*II Corinthians 1:8-12*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

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THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - *II Corinthians 8:1-9:15*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - *II Corinthians 10:1-13:14*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - *II Corinthians 1:3-7:16*

1A. THE COMFORT OF THE LORD - 1:3-7

2A. THE CONSCIENCE OF GOD’S SERVANT - 1:8-12

1B. His DESIRE for them – v. 8a

*“For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble*

*(Greek: **thlipsis**) which came to us in Asia”* Not used of illness, but rather of persecution – cf. Acts 19:22-23; 20:19; 21:27-32

2B. His DESPAIR over what had happened – 8b

*“we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life”*

(used of an animal that is so weakened, it sinks under a burden beyond its strength)

His despair removed all hope – there did not seem to be a way of escape.

3B. The DEATH he faced – 9

*“But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which ariseth the dead”* - cf. *Romans 4:17-21*

4B. The DELIVERANCE he experienced – 10

*“Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in Whom we trust that He will yet deliver us.”* The word “*deliver*” in its various forms appears 636 times in the English Bible.

1C. The Person Who delivers

*II Sam. 22:2; Psalm 18:2; 40:17; 70:5; 144:1-2; Romans 11:26*

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2C. The **Praise** of deliverance

*"Who delivered us from so great a death"*

1D. Delivered from Egypt – *Ex. 18:8-10*

2D. Delivered from enemies  
*Josh. 2:24; 21:44-45; Psalm 18:17-19; 22:3-5; 106:42-43*

3D. Delivered from the fiery furnace – *Daniel 3:17*

4D. Delivered from the den of lions – *Daniel 6:16, 20*

5D. Delivered from fears – *Psalm 34:4*

6D. Delivered from distresses – *Psalm 107:4-6*

7D. Delivered from death – *Psalm 56:13*;  
And the fear of death – *Heb. 2:14-15*

8D. Delivered from hell – *Psalm 86:13*

9D. Delivered from the power of darkness – *Col. 1:13*

10D. Delivered from the law – *Rom. 7:6*

11D. Delivered from this present evil age – *Gal. 1:4*

12D. Delivered from the wrath to come – *I Thess. 1:10; 5:1-3, 9*

3C. The **Presence** of deliverance

*"and doth deliver"*

1D. Delivers your soul – *Psa. 6:1-4*

2D. Delivers from weakness – *Psa. 109:21-26*

3D. Delivers from trouble & affliction  
*Psalm 34:17-19; 50:15; 54:7; 91:14-15; 119:153-154; II Tim. 3:11*

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- 4D. Delivers out of temptation – *II Peter 2:7-9*
- 4C. The **Prerequisite** for deliverance  
“*in Whom we trust*” – *Psalm 18:2; 31:1-2; 37:40*
- 5C. The **Promise** of deliverance  
“*He will yet deliver us*”
  - 1D. Shall deliver from every evil work – *II Tim. 4:18*
  - 2D. Shall deliver from the bondage of corruption – *Romans 8:21-23*
  - 3D. Shall deliver Israel from their sin – *Romans 11:25-27*
- 5B. His **DELIGHT** over their prayer and financial support – 11
- 6B. His **DEPENDENCY** upon the grace of God – 12
  - 1C. His **Conscience** revealed it  
“*For our rejoicing* (NASB – “confidence”) *is this, the testimony of our conscience*” Paul spoke of a “*good conscience*” in *I Timothy 1:5*
  - 2C. His **Conduct** revealed it  
“*conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward*”
    - 1D. “**simplicity**”  
Greek: *haplotes* – used 8 times (5 in II Cor.) – cf. *8:2; 9:11, 13; 11:3; Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22*
    - 2D. “**sincerity**”  
Greek: *eilikrineia* – used 3 times – *I Cor. 5:8; II Cor. 2:17*
  - 3C. His **Commitment** revealed it  
“*not with fleshly wisdom*” – cf. *James 3:13-18*



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Message No. 3

**“ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD”**

***II Corinthians 1:13-24***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

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THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - ***II Corinthians 8:1-9:15***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - ***II Corinthians 10:1-13:14***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - ***II Corinthians 1:3-7:16***

1A. THE COMFORT OF THE LORD - 1:3-7

2A. THE CONSCIENCE OF GOD’S SERVANT - 1:8-12

3A. THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BELIEVER - II CORINTHIANS 1:13-24

1B. His PURPOSE in coming to them was not deceptive – 1:13-18  
*“For we write...ye read”*

1C. His Communication could be trusted – 13-14a

2C. His Confidence was based on the mutual blessing they were to each other  
– 14b-15

3C. His Coming to them again was in his original plans – 16

4C. His Change in plans did not mean that he was out of the will of God or  
that his word could not be trusted – 17

5C. His Consistency was based on the example of God Himself – 18  
*“as God is true...”*

cf. *Acts 20:16, 22-24; 21:10-14*

2B. The PROMISES of God are totally reliable - 1:19-22

1C. Seen in the Authenticity of the message – 19  
*“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached among you by  
us...was NOT yea and nay, but in Him was yea”*

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2C. Seen in the **Authority** of those promises – 20a

(the AMEN!) – *"For ALL the promises of God in Him are yea"*

NASB reads *"all"* – *"as many as may be"* Greek: *hosai*

3C. Seen in the **Aim** behind them – 20b

*"unto the glory of God"*

4C. Seen in the **Anointing** we have received – 21

cf. *I John 2:18-27*

1D. The **stability** that it produces

*"Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ"*

NIV – *"stand firm"*

2D. The **source** that produces it

*"is God"*

5C. Seen in the **Assurance** we have been given - 22

1D. The **sealing** refers to ownership

cf. *Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; II Tim. 2:19*

2D. The **security** refers to inheritance

*"earnest of the Spirit"* – NASB says *"pledge"* and NIV says *"deposit"*  
– *guaranteeing what is to come"*

Greek: *arrabon*

Used of the money which secured a contract – also used of the engagement ring

3B. The **PRINCIPLE** that governed his decision was for their benefit – 1:23-24

1C. His **Heart** was burdened for them – 23

*"Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth"*

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- 2C. His **Humility** refused to take advantage of his declared apostleship – 24b  
“*Not for that we have dominion over your faith*”  
NIV/NASB – “*lord it over*”
- 3C. His **Help** was to increase their joy  
“*but* (Greek: *alla* – strong contrast to being domineering over people) *are helpers* (Greek: *sunergoi* – work with) *of your joy*”
- 4C. Their spiritual **Health** was based on their faith – 24b  
“*for by faith ye stand*”

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Message No. 4

“WRITING WITH MANY TEARS”

*II Corinthians 2:1-11*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - *II Corinthians 1:3-7:16*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY- *II Corinthians 8:1-9:15*

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3A. THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BELIEVER - II CORINTHIANS 1:13-24

4A. THE CONCERN OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:1-11

1B. Seen in his DETERMINATION not to burden them unnecessarily – 1-3  
*“I would not come again to you in heaviness”*

Greek: *lupe* – used 16 times – cf. *II Cor. 9:7*

*lupeo* – verb used 34 times – cf. *Matt. 26:22,37* - translated “*sorrow*” and “*grieved*” in this passage - NIV – “*painful visit*”

1C. The Result that would happen – 2

2C. The Rejoicing that should characterize the believers – 3

2B. Seen in his DISTRESS – 4a  
*“out of much affliction and anguish of heart”*

Greek: *thlipsis* – 45 times – “*affliction*”

“*anguish*” – Greek: *sunochē* – used only twice

cf. *Luke 12:25* – “*distress of nations*”

3B. Seen in his DEVOTION to them – 4b-5  
*“that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you”*  
cf. *Phil. 1:7-8; I Thess. 2:7-8*

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4B. Seen in his **DECISION** about the brother who had sinned – 6-8  
Review I Cor. 5

1C. As to the **Consequence** he experienced from them – 6

1D. Discipline should be limited

*"Sufficient...is this punishment"*

2D. Discipline should be approved by the majority

*"which was inflicted of many"* (board or congregation?  
cf. *I Timothy 5:19-22*)

2C. As to the **Comfort** he needed now – 7

1D. Discipline should end in forgiveness, giving to the person what they  
do not deserve

Greek: *charizomai* – used 24 times *"ye ought rather to forgive him"*

2D. Discipline is removed by bringing comfort and encouragement to the  
brother who had sinned – *"and comfort him"*

3D. Discipline should NOT try to destroy and discourage

*"lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch  
sorrow"*

*"swallowed up"* – Greek: *katapino*

cf. *Hebrews 11:29; I Peter 5:8*

3C. As to the **Confirmation** of their love – 8

Greek: *kuroo* – cf. *Gal. 3:15*, Used in LXX – *Gen. 23:20*

1D. Discipline that ends should be based on a clear decision to do so – 8a  
*"that ye would confirm"*

2D. Discipline that ends should be expressed to the person who sinned,  
and be done with love – 8b

*"confirm your love toward him"*

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- 5B. Seen in his **DESIRE** to test their obedience to the Lord – 9-11  
“*know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things*”  
“*proof*” – Greek: *dokimen* – used 7 times - cf. *II Cor. 8:2; 9:13; 13:3*
- 1C. It was his **Purpose** in writing to them – 9  
“*For to this end also did I write*”
- 2C. It was the **Principle** of forgiveness that he desired them to understand - 10
- 1D. The **extent** to which we forgive  
“*forgive any things...I forgive also*”
- 2D. The **example** of Christ  
“*in the Person of Christ*”  
*Luke 23:34 – “Father, forgive them”- Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13*
- 3C. It was the **Potential** of Satanic influence that caused him to warn them - 11
- 1D. His **infiltration** among the believers comes from the failure to forgive  
  
“*lest Satan should get an advantage of us*”  
  
Greek: *pleonekteo* – used 8 times of which 7 are in II Cor.  
cf. *II Cor. 7:2; 12:17-18; I Th. 4:6*
- 2D. Our **ignorance** of the way he works contributes to his infiltration  
“*for we are not ignorant...*” - cf. *II Cor. 11:3*
- 3D. His **impact** involves attacking the way we think – “*his devices*”  
Greek: *noema* – used 6 times – 5 in II Cor. – cf. *4:4; 10:3-5*  
  
The word refers to “purpose, mind, and thought.”  
cf. *Ephesians 6:10-11*

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 5

“THE SWEET SMELL OF CHRIST”

*II Corinthians 2:12-17*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - *II Corinthians 1:3-7:16*

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4A. THE CONCERN OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:1-11

5A. THE COMMITMENT OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:12-17

1B. His CALL to preach the gospel gives constant direction to his life – 12  
cf. “Troas” – cf. *Acts 20:4-12*

cf. *Acts 16:6-10; Rom. 1:15; 15:20; I Cor. 16:9*

2B. His CONCERN for others manifests itself in where he goes and what he does -  
13

3B. His CONFIDENCE in the Lord relies upon the beauty and work of Christ  
within him – 14

1C. Seen in his Thanksgiving to God for all the victories He gives to us  
“*Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ*”

2C. Seen in his Trust in the many ways and places where the fragrance of  
knowing the Lord was shown

“*and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place*”

NASB – “*sweet aroma*” - NIV – “*fragrance*”

Greek: *osmen* – used 6 times in NT

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Song:

*May the mind of Christ my Savior  
Grow in me from day to day  
By His love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say!  
May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win  
And may they forget the channel  
Seeing only Him!*

- 4B. His **CONFORMITY** to Jesus Christ affects every person he meets – 15-16  
“sweet savour” – Greek: *euodia* – “good smell”

Used 5 times. English words appear 43 times.

**WHAT IS INVOLVED WHEN YOU SMELL GOOD TO THE LORD?**

- 1C. It involves **Sacrifice**  
cf. *Gen. 8:20-21a; Ex. 29:18, 25; Lev. 1:9, 13 – Romans 12:1-2*  
  
cf. *Psa. 69:30-31; Heb. 13:15-16*
- 1D. Sacrificial gift – Phil. 4:18
- 2D. Sacrificial love – Eph. 5:2
- 3D. Sacrificial worship – John 12:3
- 2C. It involves **Separation** from selfish and sinful desires and pursuits  
*Rom. 8:8; 15:1-3; Gal. 1:10; I Th. 4:1-3; Lk.14:33-35*
- 3C. It involves **Submission** to God and His Word – *Col. 1:9-10; Heb. 11:6*
- 4C. It involves **Suffering** – *II Tim. 2:3-4*
- 5C. It involves **Seeking** the lost – *I Cor. 10:33*



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5B. His **CHARACTER** carefully handles the Word of God – 17

1C. His **Motives** were clear and sincere

*"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity" - "corrupt"*

Greek: *kapeleuo* NASB – "peddling"

NIV – *"do not peddle for profit"*

*"sincerity"* – Greek: *eilikrineia* – 3 times

cf. *I Cor. 5:8*

2C. His **Message** was transparent before God  
*"in the sight of God speak we in Christ"*

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 06

“YE ARE OUR EPISTLE”

*II Corinthians 3:1-11*

Introduction: II Corinthians 1:1-2

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

1A. THE COMFORT OF THE LORD - 1:3-7

2A. THE CONSCIENCE OF GOD’S SERVANT - 1:8-12

3A. THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BELIEVER - II CORINTHIANS 1:13-24

4A. THE CONCERN OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:1-11

5A. THE COMMITMENT OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:12-17

6A. THE COMMENDATION OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 3:1-11

1B. He POSES the question – 1

*“Do we begin again to commend ourselves?”*

Greek: *sunistao* – used 16 times – “to stand or set together; to exhibit, approve, or introduce” 8 times in *2 Corinthians* – 4:2; 5:12; 6:4; 7:11; 10:12, 18; 12:11

2B. He PRESENTS the evidence – 2-3

1C. It was a Writing in the heart – 2

*“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men”*  
cf. *Phil. 1:7-8*

2C. It was a Work of the Holy Spirit – 3

*“written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God”*  
cf. *Rom. 8:2, 9, 16*

3B. He POINTS to his dependency upon God – 4-6

1C. It involved his Confidence in Christ – 4

*“such trust have we through Christ to* (Greek: *pros* – “toward”) *Godward”* – NIV – “before God”

2C. It involved his Confession of his own insufficiency – 5

*“not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God”* Greek: *hikanos* – 41 times  
NIV – “competent” NASB – “adequate” - cf. *II Cor. 2:6, 16;*  
*II Tim. 2:2* – “able”

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- 3C. It involved his **Commitment** to the new covenant – 6  
*"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament"*

The words "*giveth life*" – Greek: *zoopoieo* used 14 times – cf. *John 6:63; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 15:22; Gal. 3:21*

- 4B. He **PROCLAIMS** the glory of the Spirit's ministry – 7-11

- 1C. By **Explaining** the glory of the law of Moses – 7-8  
cf. *Exodus 34:29-35*

- 1D. It was a **requirement** that brought death  
*"the ministration of death"*

- 2D. It was a **reflection** of the righteous character of God Himself that  
revealed the nature of our sin – 7

*"the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of  
Moses for the glory of his countenance"* - cf. *Romans 3:23*

- 3D. It was a reality that was limited and temporary  
*"which glory was to be done away"*

- 2C. By **Emphasizing** the difference in results – 9-11

- 1D. The glory of the Spirit **ENABLES** – realizing how a person can be  
righteous before a holy God – 9 - cf. *Rom. 3:20, 28; 8:10*

- 2D. The glory of the Spirit **EXCELS** – revealing the inadequacy of the  
law - 10 - cf. *Rom. 8:3-4*

- 3D. The glory of the Spirit **ENDURES** – reminding us of the temporary  
nature of the law – 11

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Message No. 7

“CHANGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT”

*II Corinthians 3:12-18*

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7A. THE CHANGE OF THE SPIRIT - II CORINTHIANS 3:12-18

1B. The CONTRAST that it reveals – 12-13

1C. In terms of Speech – 12  
“*we use great plainness of speech*”

NIV– “*very bold*” NASB– “*great boldness*” Greek: *parresia* – 32 times  
The reason? “*we have such hope*”- new covenant ministry of the Spirit is  
“*more glorious*” – cf. *II Cor. 3:9-11*

2C. In terms of Sight – 13

1D. Remember the veil of Moses – Exodus 34:29-35  
“*put a veil over his face*”

2D. Realize what they could not see  
“*the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished*” – cf. *II Cor. 3:7*

NOTE: Rabbinical writings in 150 AD say that it was Israel’s sin in worshipping the golden calf while Moses was on the mount that resulted in their being unable to look upon the brightness of Moses’ face.

3D. Recognize the purpose of the law  
“*that which is abolished*”  
Greek: *katargeo* – 44 times – it would be rendered inoperative

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- 1E. The law cannot give spiritual life!  
cf. *II Cor. 3:6; Gal. 3:21*
- 2E. The law cannot make you righteous before God!  
cf. *Rom. 3:20, 28; Gal. 2:16*
- 3E. The law cannot take away our sin! cf. *Heb. 10:4*
- 4E. The law cannot cancel the promise of God to Abraham!  
cf. *Gal. 3:16-17*
- 5E. The law was satisfied by the Person and work of the messiah –  
*Romans 10:4*
- 6E. The law reveals our sin!  
cf. *Rom. 3:20; 7:7; Gal. 3:19; I John 3:4*
- 7E. The law reveals our need of a Savior!  
cf. *Gal. 2:19-21; 3:19-25*
- 2B. The **CAUSE** of spiritual blindness that it illustrates - 14-15  
“*minds were blinded*” - cf. *Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:25-27; II Cor. 4:3-4; Ephesians 4:17-19*
- 1C. It is **Revealed** when the OT is read – 14a  
cf. *Zech. 7:11-12; Acts 8:26-38*
- 2C. It is **Removed** by the Messiah – 14c  
“*which veil is done away in Christ*”
- 3C. It is **Reflected** in the response of the heart – 15  
“*when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart*”  
cf. *John 5:46-47* - cf. *Deut. 4:29, 39; 6:5-6; 10:16; 11:13, 18*
- 3B. The **CONVERSION** that it brings – 16-17
- 1C. The **Place** where it happens – 16  
“*when it (heart) shall turn to the Lord*” - cf. *Isaiah 29:13-14, 18-19; Joel 2:12-13; Mark 7:6-9; Rom. 10:8-13* - Cf. *Mark 16:14; John 20:19-22*

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2C. The **Person** Who accomplishes it  
*"the Spirit of the Lord" – John 3:1-8; Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 1:22-25*

3C. The **Principle** that characterizes it – 17  
*"there is liberty" – John 8:32, 36 - Cf. Galatians 5:1, 13-14*

1D. Freedom from the law's demands – *Romans 6:14*

2D. Freedom from the law's condemnation – *Romans 8:1*

3D. Freedom from the slavery of sin – *Romans 6:6-7, 18, 22*

4D. Freedom from the devil's power – *Hebrews 2:14-15*

4B. The **CHANGE** that it produces – 18

1C. The **Requirement**  
*"with open (unveiled) face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord"* - emphasis not on the reflection of a mirror, but the act of "beholding" - Greek word, *katoptrizomai*, used only in this passage. The word "beholding" is in the middle voice – it requires a personal response. cf. *James 1:22-25*

2C. The **Result** is a process  
*"are changed into the same image" – Greek: metamorphoo – used 4 times: Matt. 17:2 & Mark 9:2*

Used in *Romans 12:2* of a moral change that requires a total dedication of your life to God, a refusal to be hypocritical by conforming to this world system, and a continual *"renewing of your mind."*

Note: The English word *"transformed"* appears also in *II Corinthians 11:13-15* but is a different Greek word – *metaschematizo* and refers to outward appearance, whereas *metamorphoo* refers to inward change. Our outward appearance will be changed in the future, and *Phil. 3:21* uses *metaschematizo* to indicate that fact.

3C. The **Recognition** of that change  
*"from glory to glory" – is it referring to degrees of glory? NIV says "with ever-increasing glory" – or is it referring to the Lord's glory in the first case – now being seen in the believer's life in the second case?*

4C. The **Realization** of our need of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit  
*"even as by the Spirit of the Lord"*

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- 1B. It **REFUSES** to give up – 1  
“*we faint not*” - cf. verse 16
- 2B. It **RENOUNCES** all deceitful practices – 2  
“*by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God*”
  - 1C. **Corruption**  
“*the hidden things of dishonesty*” – shame – cf. *Eph. 5:3-14*
  - 2C. **Craftiness**  
Greek: *panourgia* – cf. *Eph. 4:14; II Cor. 11:3*
  - 3C. **Confusion**  
“*handling the word of God deceitfully*” – confusing God’s people, twisting or distorting it
- 3B. It **RECOGNIZES** the work of the enemy – 3-4  
“*the god of this world*”
  - 1C. The **People** he controls – “*lost*” – 3  
Greek: *apollumi* – used 92 times - NIV/NASB – “*perishing*”

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NOTE: Song – *"Rescue the Perishing"*

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save!*

*Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more!*

CHORUS: - *Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save!*

- 2C. The **Place** where he operates  
*"the god of this world (age)" – Eph. 2:1-3*
- 3C. The **Plan** he uses  
*"blinded the minds of them which believe not"*  
cf. *John 12:40; I John 2:11*
- 4C. The **Purpose** he has  
*"lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God,  
should shine unto them" - cf. Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:3*
- 4B. It **REALIZES** the message we preach is Jesus Christ, not ourselves – 5a  
cf. *Acts 5:42; I Cor. 2:1-5*
- 5B. It **REFLECTS** a humble attitude – 5b  
*"and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake"*  
Greek: *doulos* – used 127 times – "bond-slave"
- 6B. It **REJOICES** in what God has done in our hearts – 6
  - 1C. It refers to the **Creation**  
*"For God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness"*
  - 2C. It refers to our **Conversion**  
*"hath shined in our hearts"*



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3C. It refers to the **Centrality** of Jesus Christ in knowing the glory of God Himself!

*"the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"* - NIV/NASB – leaves out the word "Jesus"

7B. It **RELIES** upon the power of God – 7  
called a "*treasure*" - Greek: *thesaurus* – used 18 times  
cf. *Col. 2:3; Heb. 11:26*

1C. The **Place** in where it is found  
*earthen vessels*" – Greek: *ostrakinos*  
used only here and in *II Tim. 2:20* NIV – "jars of clay"

2C. The **Purpose** behind it  
*"that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us"*

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Notice what “*we have*” – *4:1, 7, 13; 5:1*

- 1B. The **DISSOLVING** of our present life – 1a  
cf. *II Cor. 4:7* – “*earthen vessels*”

“*earthly house of this tabernacle*” – it is both limited (“*earthly*”) and temporary (“*tabernacle*”) Greek: *kataluo* – 21 times - cf. *Acts 5:38-39. Phil. 3:21* – “*our vile body*”

The “*earthly*” body is...(*I Cor. 15:42-44*)

- (1) Sown in corruption
- (2) Sown in dishonor
- (3) Sown in weakness
- (4) Sown a natural body

- 2B. The **DESCRIPTION** of our house in heaven - 1b

- 1C. It is **Possessed** by God  
“*a building of God*” – it belongs to Him – cf. *Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16*



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- 2C. It is **Produced** without human ability  
*"an house not made with hands"*

cf. *John 14:2; Acts 17:24-29; Heb. 9:11*. Is the "house" referring to the resurrection body or to heaven itself? It must be heaven itself, because the resurrection body comes in the future. This "house" we have now!

- 3C. It is **Pictured** as forever *"in the heavens"*

1D. 24 elders are *"clothed in white raiment"* in heaven – *Rev. 4:2, 4*

2D. The martyrs under the altar are given *"white robes"* – *Rev. 6:9-11*

3D. The Gentile multitude is also "clothed with white robes, and palms *in their hands*" – *Rev. 7:9, 13-14*

4D. The promise to overcomers in Sardis - *Rev. 3:5*  
*"shall be clothed in white raiment"*

- 3B. The **DESIRE** for our heavenly home – 2-3

- 1C. The **Reason** for our groaning – 2  
*"for in this we groan"*

not over the trials of this life, but longing to see our Lord and have our new bodies! - cf. *Rom. 8:18-25* - cf. *Phil. 1:21-23*

- 2C. The **Result** we want to avoid – 3  
*"we shall not be found naked"* (homeless) - cf. *Rev. 3:17-18*

- 4B. The **DIFFICULTIES** of the present – 4

- 1C. We **Realize** that our present situation will not last  
*"For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon..."*

- 2C. We **Rely** upon the promise of God  
*"that mortality might be swallowed up of life"*  
Greek: *katapino* – "to drink down" or "drown" – 7 times, including *II Cor. 2:7* and *I Peter 5:8*

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5B. The **DEPOSIT** on our future hope – 5

1C. The **Intention** of God – 5a

*"He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God"*

2C. The **Identity** of the "earnest" – 5b

cf. *II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14* - Greek: *arrhabon* – used just three times

6B. The **DILEMMA** we face – 6-8

1C. The **Point** that is obvious – 6

*"knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body,  
we are absent from the Lord"*

The souls of believers are always described as either on earth or in heaven, not in the grave, hell, or in some "place" between heaven and earth. The idea of purgatory is found in the Jewish apocryphal books of the Maccabees, not in the Bible!

2C. The **Principle** that is clear – 7

*"for we walk by faith, not by sight" - Col. 2:7; Heb. 11:3*

3C. The **Preference** that is desired – 8

*"willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord"*

**THE GREAT QUESTION?** Do the souls of believers at death find themselves immediately in the presence of the Lord? Absolutely! Read *Matthew 22:31-32; Luke 16:22; 23:43* (cf. *II Cor. 12:2, 4; Philippians 1:21-24; Hebrews 12:22-23* – They are conscious, able to communicate, filled with joy (Psalm 16:11), comforted (*Luke 16:25*), singing (*Rev. 5:9*), worshipping (*Rev. 5:14; 7:11*) and praising God (*Rev. 19:5-6*).

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*Message No. 11*  
**“THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST”**  
*II Corinthians 5:9-16*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

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- 11A. THE **CONSTRAINT** OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 5:9-16

“*Wherefore*” – Greek: *dio* – on account of this, or because of this – referring to our home in heaven.

- 1B. The **PURPOSE** we should have – 9  
“*we may be accepted of Him*”    Greek: *euarestos* – 9 times  
cf. *Romans 12:1-2; Eph. 5:10; Phil. 4:18; Col. 1:9-10; 3:20; Heb. 13:21*
  
- 2B. The **PLACE** where we will be judged – 10  
“*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ*”

NOTE: The word “judge” is used 191 times in the Bible (67 in NT), and the plural “judges” another 52 times. The word “judgment” is found 294 times (76 in NT). The words “day of judgment” used 8 times and usually refers to what unbelievers will one day face.

*Genesis 18:25* – “*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*”  
*Psalms 96:13* – “*For He cometh to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people His truth*”

*Isaiah 33:22* – “*For the LORD is our Judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our King; He will save us*”

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***James 4:12 – “There is one Lawgiver, Who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?”***

***John 5:22 – “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.”***

- (1) There has been judgment upon Israel in the past - ***Ezekiel 7:1-4***
- (2) There will be a judgment of Israel in the future - ***Ezekiel 20:37-38; Malachi 3:2-3***
- (3) There will be a judgment upon the nations at Armageddon  
***Ezekiel 39:21-22; Joel 3:12-16***
- (4) There will be a judgment of the nations for how they have treated Israel  
***Matthew 25:31-46***
- (5) There will be a judgment of fallen angels – ***I Cor. 6:3; II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6***
- (6) There will be a future judgment of all unbelievers, called the “Great White Throne” judgment – ***Rev. 20:11-15***
- (7) There is the judgment of the believer when God chastens us  
***I Cor. 11:31-32; Heb. 12:6-7, 11***
- (8) There is the judgment we receive because we judge others – ***Matt. 7:1-5***
- (9) There will also be a judgment for believers after they die – called “the Judgment Seat of Christ” – ***Rom. 14:10-12; I Cor. 3:11-15*** and our passage in ***II Cor. 5:10***

Note: The words “***judgment seat***” are used 10 times in the NT, but the Greek word ***bema*** is found 22 times – the place where legal matters were handled, and where athletes were crowned at the games.

1C. The **Scope** of this judgment  
***“we must ALL appear”***

Note: ***Psalms 50:4 – He shall call to the heavens above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people*** ***Psalms 135:14 – “The LORD will judge His people”*** ***James 5:9 – “Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge standeth before the door.”***

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- 2C. The **Subject** of this judgment  
*"that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done" - cf. I Cor. 3:8*
- 3C. The **Seriousness** of this judgment  
*"whether it be good or bad" - cf. I Cor. 3:13-15*  
The purpose of this judgment is to reward God's people  
(*"bad"* – loss of reward)
- 4C. The **Standard** of this judgment  
*"that a man be found faithful" – I Cor. 4:1-5*  
*cf. Matt. 25:21, 23; I Cor. 3:7-8*
- 3B. The **PRIORITY** that we should have – 11  
*"Knowing therefore the terror (fear) of the Lord, we persuade men"*  
  
(two possible views)
- (1) Refers to evangelism  
(2) Refers to Paul's motives
- cf. Col. 3:22-25*
- 4B. The **PATTERN** we should follow – 11b-13
- 1C. Be **Committed** to personal integrity  
*"we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences"*
- 2C. Be **Careful** about giving yourself praise  
*"For we commend not ourselves again unto you..."*
- 3C. Be **Characterized** as one who does not emphasize appearance, but rather – the heart  
  
*"them which glory in appearance, and not in heart"*
- 4C. Be **Controlled** by God and your service to others – 13  
We must ignore the criticisms of others – they might think you are crazy or out of your mind!

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- 5B. The **PRINCIPLE** that motivates us – 14a  
*"For the love of Christ constraineth us"*

NIV – "*compels*" NASB – "*controls*" - cf. *I John 3:16; 4:10-11*

The phrase "*the love of Christ*" appears three times – here and in Rom. 8:39 & *Eph. 3:19* (subjective genitive – referring to His love for us)

- 6B. The **POINT** we should understand – 14b-15  
cf. Galatians 2:20-21 - "*died for all*" – Greek: *huper* – in the behalf of His death was sufficient for all men; it was only a substitution for those who believe – cf. *Matt. 20:28 & I Tim. 2:6*

- 7B. The **POSITION** we now have – 16

- 1C. It is **Changed** from a worldly perspective that focuses on appearance and things that are seen – cf. *II Cor. 4:17-18*

*"know we no man after the flesh"* - NIV – "*from a worldly point of view*"

- 2C. It is **Contrasted** with the way we looked at Jesus Christ Himself before we were saved

*"though we have know Christ after the flesh"*

- 3C. It is **Characterized** by a spiritual understanding that came with our new life in Jesus Christ

*"now henceforth know we Him no more"*

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Message No. 12

“NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST”

*II Corinthians 5:17-21*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

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- 11A. THE CONSTRAINT OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 5:9-16
- 12A. THE CREATION OF GOD - II CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

1B. The basic REQUIREMENT – 17a - “*Therefore if any man be in Christ*”

The phrase “*in Christ*” is used 77 times in the NT, 74 in the writings of Paul; the phrase “*in Him*” is found another 70 times in the NT

PROMISES to those who are “*in Christ*”

- (1) Redemption – *Rom. 3:24*
- (2) No condemnation – *Rom. 8:1*
- (3) No separation – *Rom. 8:39*
- (4) Sanctification – *I Cor. 1:2*
- (5) Victory – *II Cor. 2:14*
- (6) Liberty – *Gal. 2:4*
- (7) Unity – *Gal. 3:28*
- (8) Spiritual blessings – *Eph. 1:3*
- (9) Seated in heavenlies – *Eph. 2:6*
- (10) Created for good works – *Eph. 2:10*
- (11) Brought near – *Eph. 2:13*
- (12) Encouragement – *Phil. 2:1*
- (13) Resurrection – *I Thess. 4:16*
- (14) Salvation – *II Tim. 2:10*

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2B. The wonderful **RESULT** – 17b

*"he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"*

1C. It is a **Work** of God Himself!

Greek: *ktisis* – used 19 times; *ktisma* – Used 4 times; verb *ktizo* – 14 times. It is used of people, animals, and the material & physical universe.

God has *"created all things"* – *Eph. 2:10; 3:9; Rev. 4:11; 10:6*

2C. It is a **World** that is different from what we have known in the past!

*"old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"*

The difference between the *"old man"* and the *"new man"*

*Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:9-10 - cf. Gal. 6:14-15*

3B. The important **REASON** – 18-19

*"Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ"*

Greek: *katallasso* – verb used 5 times; noun *katallage* – used 4 times  
cf. *Romans 5:10-11*

1C. Our previous **Condition** - *"enemies"* - cf. Rom. 5:10

2C. The **Cure** that has been provided

*"not imputing their trespasses unto them"*

v. 19 – *"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself"*  
*Romans 5:10 – "by the death of His Son"*

4B. The main **RESPONSIBILITY** we now have – 18

*"hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation"*

v. 19 – *"hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation"*

v. 20 *"ambassadors for Christ"*

Our job: tell others: *"Be ye reconciled to God"*

5B. The positional **RIGHTEOUSNESS** which we now have – 21

*"the righteousness of God in Him"*

1C. Based on His **Substitution** – *"sin for us"*

2C. Based on His **Sinlessness** – *"knew no sin"*



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## “WORKERS TOGETHER”

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“*We then...*” – cf. *II Cor. 4:1; 5:18b, 19b, 20*

1B. The PRINCIPLES that should guide us – 1-4a

1C. Our Relationship to each other

“*workers together with Him*” – cf. *Rom. 8:28*

*I Cor. 16:16* – “*to every one that helpeth with us*”

2C. Our Reception of the grace of God

“*that ye receive not the grace of God in vain*” - *I Cor. 15:10, 58*

3C. Our Recognition of the opportunities we are given – 2

Quote: *Psalms 69:13; Isaiah 49:8-16* “*time accepted*”

Greek: *dektos* – 5 times cf. *Acts 10:35; Phil. 4:18* - “*accepted time*”

Greek: *euprosdektos* - 5 times

*Rom. 15:16, 31; II Cor. 8:12; II Peter 2:5*

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- 4C. Our **Refusal** to give offence – 3  
“*offence*” – Greek: *proskope* – only here verb used 8 times – *proskopto*  
cf. *Rom. 9:32; 14:21; I Peter 2:8* - “*blamed*” – Greek: *momaomai* – only  
here and in *II Cor. 8:20* (to censure)
- 5C. Our **Realization** of who we are – 4a  
“*approving ourselves as the ministers of God*”  
cf. *Mark 10:42-45; I Cor. 3:5*
- 2B. The **PROBLEMS** we will face – 4b-5
- 1C. The **Need** is endurance  
“*in much patience*” – cf. *Acts 14:21-23*
- 2C. The **Nature** of these problems:
- 1D. Emotional **distress**
- 1E. “in afflictions”  
Greek: *thlipsis* used 45 times
- NOTE: The tribulation and trouble that comes from the  
sacrifices and perils which come as a result of our witness for  
the Lord. - cf. *Acts 14:22; I Thess. 2:6; 3:3; Heb. 10:33*
- 2E. “in necessities”  
Greek: *anagke* used 19 times – as opposed to willingness  
cf. *II Cor. 12:10*
- 3E. “in distresses”  
Greek: *stenochoria* – 4 times – “a narrow place” – comes from  
within because of the pressure from without
- 2D. Physical **danger**
- 1E. “*in stripes*” – NIV/NASB says “beatings”
- 2E. “*in imprisonments*”
- 3E. “*in tumults*” – NIV – “riots”

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3D. Personal **deprivation**

1E. "in labours" - laboring to the point of exhaustion – *I Cor. 15:58*

2E. "in watchings" - NIV – "sleepless nights"

2E. "in fastings" - NIV – "hunger"

3B. The spiritual **PREPARATION** we will need – 6-7

KJV switches from "in" in *vv. 4-5* to "by" in *vv. 6-7* – same Greek word: *en*

SEVEN KEYS TO BEING SPIRITUALLY PREPARED:

1C. **Resisting** all that is evil – "*pureness*"

2C. **Recognizing** the purpose of God behind all that happens – "*knowledge*"

3C. **Reacting** to people on the basis of patience and kindness  
"*longsuffering...kindness*"

4C. **Relying** upon the Holy Spirit – 6

5C. **Responding** with love  
"*love unfeigned*" - Greek: *anupokritos* – used 9 times - cf. *Rom. 12:9*;  
*I Pet. 1:22*

6C. **Realizing** the importance of speaking the truth  
"*the word of truth*" – *Eph. 4:15*

7C. **Resting** in the power and resources of God rather than trusting in yourself  
"*the power of God*"  
"*the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left*"

4B. The **PARADOX** we will encounter – 8-10

1C. As to the **Accusations** we will face – 8

2C. As to the **Afflictions** we will suffer – 9

3C. As to the **Attitudes** we will have – 10

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 14

**“BE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED!”**

*II Corinthians 6:11-18*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

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1B. His CALL for open hearts to what he was about to say to them – 6:11-13

In verse 11, he calls them “*Corinthians*” but in verse 13, he calls them “*my children.*” He begins by using the indicative mood, simply stating facts, but he ends in v. 13 with the imperative – commanding them to respond.

- 1C. He refers to his Act of teaching – 1a  
“*our mouth is open unto you*” – cf. *Matt. 5:2*
- 2C. He refers to his Affection for them – 1b  
“*our heart is enlarged*” – reference to *Psalms 119:32*
- 3C. He refers to their Attitude toward him – 2  
“*Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels*”  
NIV – “*we are not withholding affection from you*”  
“*bowels*” – Greek: *splagchnon* – 12 times

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Simon Kistemaker writes in his book on II Corinthians:

*“Restrictions exhibit a lack of love and an excess of suspicions.”*

- 4C. He refers to their Acceptance of responsibility in responding to him in like manner – 3

*“be ye also enlarged”*

- 2B. His CONDEMNATION of unequal yokes –6:14-16 – cf. Deut. 22:10  
Greek: *heterozugeo* – only used in this verse in the LXX in *Leviticus 19:19*  
Greek word *zugos* refers to a “yoke” or that which binds.

We are warned in the Bible of the “*yoke of bondage*” – *Acts 15:5, 10; Gal. 5:1*. Jesus spoke of His “*yoke*” that would give us understanding and rest – *Matt. 11:29-30*

- 1C. The Description of the unequal yoke involves our relationships with unbelievers.

v. 14 – “*unbelievers*”

v. 15 – “*infidel*”

cf. *I Cor. 5:9-13; 9:19-22; 10:27-33*

- 2C. The Danger we face involves sinful acts and attitudes.

v. 14 – “*unrighteousness*”

Greek: *anomia* – 17 times - lawlessness

cf. *II Thess. 2:7; Titus 2:14; I John 3:4* v. 14 – “*darkness*”

*Eph. 5:8, 11-12, I John 1:5-7; 2:9-11*

- 3C. The Defilement of pagan beliefs and practices will often occur  
cf. *Deut. 11:16*

- 1D. It involves the work of Satan - 15

*“Christ with Belial”*

NOTE: Some MSS read “*Beliar*” but the preferred reading is from a Hebrew word “*Beli yol*” which might mean “having no yoke” – others think it might mean “*lord of the forest*” – all agree that it is a term referring to Satan – cf. *I Sam. 1:16; 10:27; 25:25; 30:22*

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Jewish writings refer this term to Satan, the highest demon, and to the Antichrist (including "The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs," "Jubilees," "Ascension of Isaiah," "The Sibylline Oracles," and the Dead Sea Scrolls).

- 2D. It **includes** the **worship** of idols – 16  
*"temple of God with idols"*

Such practice would violate what the Scriptures teach:

- 1E. About the **presence** of God  
*"I will dwell in them and walk in them" – cf. Ex. 25:8; 29:45; Leviticus 26:1, 12a*
- 2E. About the **people** of God  
*"I will be their God, and they shall be My people" Ex. 6:7; Leviticus 26:12b; Ezek. 37:27; Rev. 21:3*

- 3B. His **COMMAND** to separate – 6:17-18

NOTE: There are three approaches which believers take in dealing with the world and unbelievers:

- (1) ISOLATION – avoiding all contact
- (2) COMPROMISE – willing to accept & tolerate
- (3) SEPARATION – cultural adaptation for the purpose of evangelism

- 1C. The **Principle** is clear  
*"come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing" - cf. Isaiah 52:11; Revelation 18:4*

- 1D. It is **rooted** in the call for holiness  
*Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7 –*  
*cf. I Thess. 4:7; I Peter 1:14-16*

- 2D. It is **revealed** in the choice of God – Eph. 1:4

- 3D. It is **reflected** in the conduct of the believer – Eph. 4:22-32

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2C. The **Promises** are critical to our relationship to the Lord – 17b, 18a

1D. They involve God's **approval**

*"I will receive you" – Ezekiel 20:40-41*

2D. They involve God's **affection**

*"and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters" - II Samuel 7:12-14a*

3C. The **Power** behind it is centered in the character of God Himself

*"saith the Lord Almighty" – Greek: pantokrator*

Used 10 times of which 9 times are in *Revelation* – 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22

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Message No. 15

**“YE ARE IN OUR HEARTS”**

***II Corinthians 7:1-8***

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- 13A. THE **CONFLICTS** OF MINISTRY - II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10
- 14A. THE **COMMAND** TO SEPARATE - II CORINTHIANS 6:11-18

15A. THE **COMING** OF TITUS - II CORINTHIANS 7:1-8

1B. The **EXHORTATION** that must be applied – I Corinthians 7:1

1C. The **Reason** for this exhortation – 1  
*“Having therefore these promises” - cf. II Cor. 6:17-18; II Peter 1:4*

2C. The **Relationship** he had with them  
*“dearly beloved”*

3C. The **Requirement** we need to face – 1b  
*“let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit”*

1D. The **cleansing** we need to practice  
Greek: *katharizo* – used 33 times

1E. The **principle** in OT worship – *Exodus 30:20-21*

2E. Our **position** before God – *I Cor. 6:11; I John 5:7*



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- 3E. Our **practice** – *John 15:3; I John 3:3*
- 4E. The **picture** which Jesus gave to His disciples – *John 13:1-17*
- 2D. The **corruption** we need to avoid  
Greek: *molusmos* – used only here Refers to a “stain” – synonym for the Greek words that begin with *aischro* – cf. *Eph. 5:4* – forms of the word appear 13 times in the NT.
- Another synonym is found in *James 1:21* – *rhuparia*. The verb form of *molusmos* appears 3 times - *I Cor. 8:7; Rev. 3:4; 14:4*
- 4C. The **Result** of this cleansing – 1c  
“*perfecting holiness in the fear of God*” cf. *I Thess. 4:3-8; I Peter 1:14-16 - cf. I Cor. 6:16-20*
- 1D. It is a **separation** from all that is evil
- 2D. It is a **struggled** – “*perfecting*”
- 3D. It is a **submission** to God – “*in the fear of God*”
- 2B. The **EXAMPLE** of his life should motivate them to open their hearts to him  
I Cor. 7:2 - “*Receive us*”
- 1C. He never **Disobeyed** God in dealing with them  
“*have wronged no man*”
- 2C. He never **Defiled** any person among them  
“*we have corrupted no man*”
- 3C. He never **Defrauded** anyone  
“*we have defrauded no man*” – Greek: *pleonekteo* used 8 times – deals with material gain NIV translates “exploited”
- 3B. The **EXPRESSION** of love and joy in spite of the problems in their lives  
I Cor. 7:3-4
- 1C. His **Concern** was not to condemn them

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- 2C. His **Commitment** to them was clear  
*"ye are in our hearts to die and live with you"* - cf. *Phil. 1:7*
- 3C. His **Confidence** in them  
*"great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you"*  
NIV/NASB – *"I have great confidence in you"* and *"I take great pride in you"*
- 4C. His **Comfort** in the midst of trials  
*"I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation"*
- 4B. The **EXPLANATION** of how he was encouraged – I Cor. 7:5-7
  - 1C. The **Troubles** he experienced needed comfort and encouragement - 5
  - 2C. The **Truth** about the source of comfort – 6  
*"God, that comforteth those that are cast down (NASB: "depressed") comforted us by the coming of Titus"* - cf. *II Cor. 1:3-7*
  - 3C. The **Things** which Titus reported brought joy and comfort to his heart - 7
    - 1D. The **desire** for getting right with God  
*"earnest desire"*
    - 2D. The **depth** of their repentance  
*"your mourning"* NIV – "deep sorrow"
    - 3D. The **dedication** to making a change  
*"fervent mind"* – NASB – "zeal"
- 5B. The **EFFECT** of his letter upon them – I Cor. 7:8
  - 1C. His first **Reaction** – *"repent"*  
from the Greek *metamellomai* – "regret"
  - 2C. His **Realization** that the letter affected them in a good way  
*"for I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry"*
  - 3C. The **Result** was only for a short time  
*"though it were but for a season"*

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 16

**“GODLY SORROW”**

***II Corinthians 7:9-16***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

THE **EXHORTATION** ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

- 1A. THE **COMFORT** OF THE LORD - 1:3-7
- 2A. THE **CONSCIENCE** OF GOD’S SERVANT - 1:8-12
- 3A. THE **CONFIDENCE** OF THE BELIEVER - II CORINTHIANS 1:13-24
- 4A. THE **CONCERN** OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:1-11
- 5A. THE **COMMITMENT** OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 2:12-17
- 6A. THE **COMMENDATION** OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 3:1-11
- 7A. THE **CHANGE** OF THE SPIRIT - II CORINTHIANS 3:12-18
- 8A. THE **CHARACTER** OF THE MINISTRY - II CORINTHIANS 4:1-7
- 9A. THE **CAUSE** BEHIND FAITHFULNESS - II CORINTHIANS 4:8-18
- 10A. THE **CLOTHING** OF THE FUTURE - II CORINTHIANS 5:1-8
- 11A. THE **CONSTRAINT** OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 5:9-16
- 12A. THE **CREATION** OF GOD - II CORINTHIANS 5:17-21
- 13A. THE **CONFLICTS** OF MINISTRY - II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10
- 14A. THE **COMMAND** TO SEPARATE - II CORINTHIANS 6:11-18
- 15A. THE **COMING** OF TITUS - II CORINTHIANS 7:1-8

16A. THE **CARE** OF GOD’S SERVANT - II CORINTHIANS 7:9-16

- 1B. The **EXHORTATION** that must be applied – II Corinthians 7:1
- 2B. The **EXAMPLE** of his life should motivate them to open their hearts to him  
II Cor. 7:2
- 3B. The **EXPRESSION** of love and joy in spite of the problems in their lives  
II Cor. 7:3-4
- 4B. The **EXPLANATION** of how he was encouraged – II Cor. 7:5-7
- 5B. The **EFFECT** of his letter upon them – II Cor. 7:8-12
  - 1C. He **Regretted** it at first before he saw the effect it had upon them – 8
  - 2C. He **Rejoiced** at how they did respond – 9

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- 3C. He **Reemphasized** the importance of true repentance – 10
- 4C. He **Recalled** the essential characteristics of true repentance which he saw in them – 11

NOTE: The words for “repentance” in the OT include the Hebrew ***nacham*** which is used 40 times, nearly all of which are used of God Himself – means “to lament” or “to grieve.”

The Hebrew word ***Shuvah*** is used 3 times as “repent” – 185 times as “turn” and 369 times as “turn again.” The NT words include the Greek word ***metamelomai*** which is used 8 times and refers to a feeling of concern or regret.

A form of the word appears in our text in II Cor. 7. The primary Greek word is ***metanoeo*** – used 60 times and refers to a “change of mind” that leads to a change of conduct. Various forms of the English word “repentance” appear 104 times in the KJV Bible.

- (1) It is primarily a change of mind.

- away from sin - ***Heb. 6:1*** (Greek ***apo*** – “from            dead works”)  
- toward God – ***Acts 20:21*** (Greek ***eis***)

- (2) It is not merely feeling sorry that you sinned or got caught.

- example of Judas – ***Matt. 27:3***  
- example of Esau – ***Heb. 12:15-17***

- (3) It is described as a gift of God – ***Acts 5:31; 11:18***

- (4) It is “godly sorrow” for sin that results in positive action – 2 Cor. 7:11

## THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF REPENTANCE:

### 1D. **CAREFULNESS**

Greek ***spoude*** – used 14 times – refers to the speed or eagerness with which a person responds when confronted.

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**2D. CLEARING OF YOURSELVES**

Greek *apologia* referring to a defense or apologetic – an apology rooted in the desire to be forgiven for what you have done – used 8 times.

**3D. INDIGNATION**

Greek *aganaktesis* appears only here – many believe that this word refers to the “pain” a person feels because of what sin has caused.

**4D. FEAR**

Greek *phobos* – refers to an attitude toward God, and in particular, a fear of consequences.

**5D. VEHEMENT DESIRE**

Greek *epip epipotesis* – used 4 times, all here!  
It refers to the conviction which the Holy Spirit places upon your heart – A strong desire to respond!

**6D. ZEAL**

Greek *zelos* – very common word – refers to the effort and desire to stop the sinful behavior and live a godly life.

**7D. REVENGE**

Greek *ekdikesis* – 9 times – refers to judgment as well as defense – a willing acceptance of the judgment of God and the consequences of disgrace, shame, humiliation and loss, with no effort to justify, defend, or excuse the sinful behavior.

**SUMMARY OF REPENTANCE – SEVEN ISSUES:**

- (1) You respond as soon as possible to the situation!
- (2) You react with a sincere apology and seek forgiveness!
- (3) You realize the pain you have caused to others!
- (4) You remember the consequences of continuing in this sin!
- (5) You recognize that this is a priority!
- (6) You resolve to settle this matter in whatever ways possible!
- (7) You restore whatever is possible to settle the matter and to accept the consequences of sin!

5C. He **Reminded** them of his real reason in writing such a letter to them – 12

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6B. The **ENCOURAGEMENT** that Titus brought to them – II Cor. 7:13-16

1C. He **Received** a great blessing from them – 13

*"his spirit was refreshed by you all"* This brought great joy to the heart of Paul.

2C. He **Reinforced** what Paul boasted about concerning their response to his letter – 14

*"is found a truth"* -Paul had no reason to be embarrassed about his comments to Titus.

3C. He **Responded** with great affection for them – 15

*"his inward affection is more abundant toward you"*

Greek: *splagchnon* – used 12 times

4C. Paul **Rejoiced** that their repentance was real – 16

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

*Message No. 17*

## “GIVING WITH LIBERALITY”

*II Corinthians 8:1-5*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

Introduction:

(1) Money is not sinful in and of itself – the problem is the “*love of money*”  
*I Timothy 6:9-10*

(2) Money can give you a false sense of security  
*Luke 12:13-21; I Timothy 6:17-18*

(3) Money can become more important to you than the treasures of heaven  
*Matthew 6:19-24*

(4) Money can keep you from following Jesus Christ  
*Matthew 19:16-26*

1A. THE PATTERN OF GIVING OF THE MACEDONIANS - II COR. 8:1-5

1B. The RESOURCE that made their giving possible – 1  
“*the grace of God*”

The phrase is used 21 times in the NT

cf. Acts *11:22-23; 14:26; 15:40; 20:24; I Cor. 1:4; 3:10; 15:10; II Cor. 1:12; 6:1; Gal. 2:21; Eph. 3:2, 7; Col. 1:6; Heb. 2:9*

2B. The RICHES of their liberality came at a time of great trial – 2

1C. The Effect of their trials did not hinder them from caring about others  
“*a great trial of affliction*”

NIV – “*most severe trial*” NASB – “*ordeal*”

cf. Acts *16 & 17 Acts 16:9-10; Phil. 1:28-30; I Thess. 2:1-2, 14-16; 3:3*

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2C. Their **Enthusiasm** was not diminished because of their trials  
*"abundance of their joy....abounded"*

3C. The **Extent** to which they gave revealed their liberality  
*"abounded unto the riches of their liberality"*

Greek: *haplotes* – used 8 times

cf. *Rom. 12:8; II Cor. 1:12; 9:11, 13; 11:3; Eph. 6:5*

3B. The **REALIZATION** that they were not forced or coerced into giving – 3  
*"willing of themselves"* – Greek: *authanetos* used here and in *II Cor. 8:17*  
where it is translated *"of his own accord"* – means simply that it was  
*"voluntary"*

4B. The **REVEALING** of their motives – 4

1C. It was an intense **Desire**  
*"Praying us with much entreaty"* NIV – *"urgently pleaded"*  
NASB – *"begging"*

2C. It was a sincere **Donation**  
*"that we would receive the gift"* – NIV – *"the privilege"*

3C. It was a concerned **Decision** – based on the needs of others  
*"the fellowship of the ministering to the saints"* - cf. *Romans 15:25-27*

5B. The **REASON** behind their liberality was their personal commitment to the Lord – 5

*"first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God"*

cf. *Rom. 12:2; Eph. 6:6; I Thess. 5:18; I John 2:17*



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Message No. 18

**“GIVING WITH LOVE”**

***II Corinthians 8:6-24***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

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***Matthew 19:16-26***

1A. THE **PATTERN** OF GIVING OF THE MACEDONIANS - II COR. 8:1-5

2A. THE **PROOF** OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 8:6-24

1B. When we give **BOUNTIFULLY** – 6-7  
cf. ***II Cor. 9:6*** – *we reap what we sow* - cf. ***Gal. 6:6-10***

1C. Giving **Completes** the work of God’s grace in our lives – 6  
“*finish*” – Greek: *epiteleo* – used 12 times - cf. ***Phil. 1:6; I Peter 5:9***

2C. Giving **Compares** equally with other traits of spiritual growth – 7  
cf. ***II Peter 1:5-8***

2B. When we give **ENTHUSIASTICALLY** – 8  
“*the forwardness of others*” – NASB/NIV say “*earnestness*” – Greek: *spoude*  
– used 14 times.

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It proves the "*sincerity*" of our love – Greek: *gnesios* – used 4 times, refers to a legitimate birth and comes to mean "genuine" or "true: – *Phil. 4:3; I Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:4* - cf. *James 2:15-17; I John 3:17-18*

3B. When we give **SACRIFICIALLY** – 9

1C. The **Resource** we need

*"the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"* – cf. *II Pet. 3:18*

2C. The **Riches** that He willingly laid aside

*"though He was rich"*

3C. The **Reason** behind His sacrifice

*"yet for your sakes"*

4C. The **Realization** of how great His sacrifice was

*"He became poor"* – Greek: *ptocheuo* – refers to a "beggar" – one who has nothing; no resources

5C. The **Result** of His sacrifice

*"that ye...might be rich"* – cf. *Eph. 2:7*

4B. When we give **WILLINGLY** – 10-12

1C. It is based on a personal **Desire**

*"forward"* - NIV – "have the desire"

v. 11 – *"readiness to will"* NASB - "desire"

2C. It is based on a specific **Decision** to give what we have – 1

*"that which ye have"* v. 12 – *"accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not"*

5B. When we give **EQUALLY** – 13-15

1C. It is to **Share** the load – 13

It is NOT to ease or relieve others of the responsibility or cause greater hardship - Greek: *thlipsis* – 45 times

2C. It is to **Supply** the need of others – 14

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- 3C. It is to **Strengthen** our dependency upon the Lord – 15  
cf. *Exodus 16:11-31*

*Matt. 6:11 – "Give us this day our daily bread" – cf. I Tim. 6:6-8*

- 5B. When we give **VOLUNTARILY** – 16-17

*(example of Titus)*

- 1C. The **Exhortation** to help was welcomed – 17  
*"For indeed he accepted the exhortation"*  
NIV – *"welcomed our appeal"*

- 2C. The **Enthusiasm** he had  
*"being more forward"* – NIV – "much enthusiasm"

- 3C. The **Extent** of his desire to help  
*"of his own accord"* – NIV – "initiative" – it was totally voluntary!

- 7B. When we give **CAREFULLY** – 18-24

*(to avoid criticism)*

- 1C. The **Gospel** is a primary concern – 18  
cf. *I Cor. 9:7-14*

- 2C. The **Glory** of God is the motive – 19  
cf. *I Cor. 10:31*

- 3C. The **Guarantee** that things will be handled right is crucial – 20-23

- 4C. The **Ground** upon which we give is love – 24

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 19

## “GIVING WITH PURPOSE”

*II Corinthians 9:1-7*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

1A. THE PATTERN OF GIVING OF THE MACEDONIANS - II COR. 8:1-5

2A. THE PROOF OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 8:6-24

3A. THE PRINCIPLES OF GIVING - II CORINTHIANS 9:1-7

1B. The principle of PRACTICING what you said you would do – 1-5

Gk: *men....de* (vv. 1 & 3)

1C. Preparation is important, but not the same as doing it – 2a

“*forwardness*” – Gk: *prothumia* – 9 times - 7 in II Cor. 8 & 9 – “ready” or “eager” “*ready*” – vv. 2-3 – Gk: *paraskeuazo* – 5 times – cf. I Cor. 14:8

2C. Provoking others to give by your enthusiasm is good, but not the same as doing it – 2b

Gk: *erethizo* – used twice also in *Col. 3:21- cf. Heb. 10:24-25*

3C. Promising to give encourages others, but is not the same as doing it – 3-5

1D. It causes embarrassment to all who are involved – 3-4

“*they of Macedonia*” – *Acts 20:4* – Sopater, Aristarchus, & Secundus

2D. It needs exhortation to do what you said you would do – 5a

3D. It brings the element of greed into our giving – 5b

“*covetousness*” – Gk: *pleonexia*

10 times – cf. *Eph. 4:19; 5:3; Col. 3:5*

*Mark 7:22; Luke 12:15; II Pet. 2:3*

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- 2B. The principle of **PUTTING** God's promises to the test – 6  
cf. *Malachi 3:8-10* "bountifully" – Gk: *eulogia* – 19 times – eulogy  
cf. *Eph. 1:3* – "*Blessed be God*"

cf. *Luke 6:38; Proverbs 11:24-28; 22:9*  
cf. *Romans 8:32; Phil. 4:10-20*

NOTE: Warren Wiersbe comments: "*Giving is not something we do, but something we are. Giving is a way of life for the Christian who understands the grace of God.*"

- 3B. The principle of **PURPOSING** in your heart – 7a  
"*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart*" – Gk: *proaireomai* – only here – in the middle voice – literally "to take before"
- 4B. The principle of **PROVIDING** for the needs of others with proper motive - 7b  
"*not grudgingly, or of necessity*"

1C. A **Reluctance** based on regret is not a proper motive.  
"*grudgingly*" – Gk: *lupe* – "sorrow"  
(Bad advice – "Give until it hurts!")

2C. A **Resistance** based on obligation is not a proper motive  
"*of necessity*" Gk: *anagke* - used 19 times – cf. *II Cor. 6:4; 12:10; I Thess. 3:7; Jude 1:3*

- 5B. The principle of **PLEASING** God - 7c  
"*for God loveth a cheerful giver*"

The verse comes from the Greek text of LXX *Proverbs 22:8* – not in Hebrew.  
It says "*God blesses a cheerful man and giver*"

Paul changes the word "*blesses*" to "*loves*" and drops the words "*man and*"

1C. The **Source** of all gifts – *James 1:17*  
cf. *I Chron. 29:11-14; I Cor. 4:7*

2C. The **Secrecy** of our giving – *Matt. 6:1-6*

3C. The **Strength** of our giving – *Neh. 8:10; I Chron. 29:9, 17*

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 20

## “GIVING WITH THANKSGIVING”

*II Corinthians 9:8-15*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

1A. THE PATTERN OF GIVING OF THE MACEDONIANS - II COR. 8:1-5

2A. THE PROOF OF LOVE - II CORINTHIANS 8:6-24

3A. THE PRINCIPLES OF GIVING - II CORINTHIANS 9:1-7

1A. THE PROMISES OF GIVING - II CORINTHIANS 9:8-15

cf. *II Cor. 8:1* – “the grace of God”

cf. *II Cor. 9:14* – “exceeding grace of God in you”

1B. The SUFFICIENCY of God’s grace – 8

“having all sufficiency in all things” - cf. *II Cor. 12:9-10*

Greek: autarkeia – “*sufficiency*” – only here and in I Tim. 6:6 – translated “*contentment*” NIV – “*all that you need*”

1C. It comes from God’s Ability

“*God is able to make all grace abound toward you*”

*Phil. 4:19* – “according to His riches in glory”

2C. It results in Abundance for every good work God calls you to do

“*may abound to* (Greek: eis) *every good work*”

2B. The STRENGTH of God’s grace – 9

1C. It Extends to all

“*He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor*”

cf. *Psalm 112:1-10* (v. 1 – “*the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments*” - v. 5 – “a good man”)

Greek for “dispersed” – skorpizo – 7 times - cf. *Proverbs 19:17*

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2C. It **Endures** forever

*"his righteousness remaineth forever" – Psalm 112:3, 9*

3B. The **SOWING** of God's grace – 10-11

*"ministereth seed to the sower" - cf. Isaiah 55:6-13*

The "*seed*" is the "word" of God that will always accomplish what God intended.

1C. The **Resource** we need

*"He that ministereth seed to the sower" - Greek: epichoregeo – 6 times  
cf. Gal. 3:5*

2C. The **Results** we can expect (threefold)

1D. **Minister** bread to you

*"minister bread for your food"*

2D. **Multiply** what you do

*"multiply your seed sown"*

3D. **Manifest** His work in you to others

*"increase the fruits of your righteousness"*

NASB/NIV – "*the harvest*" - quote from *Hosea 10:12*

3C. The **Reason** behind our giving – 11a

*"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness" – Greek: haplotēs –  
used 8 times – cf. Rom. 12:8; II Cor. 8:2; 9:11, 13*

cf. *Eph. 6:5* (Greek: "*being enriched*" - ploutizo – *I Cor. 1:5*)

4C. The **Response** that is given – 11

*"causeth through us thanksgiving to God"*

Greek for "being enriched" – ploutizo - cf. *I Cor. 1:5*

4B. The **SERVICE** of God's grace – 12

*"the administration of this service"*

Greek: leitourgia – 6 times – "*priestly service*"

*"spiritual sacrifices" – Heb. 13:15-16*

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- 5B. The **SUPPLY** of God's grace – 12a  
*"supplieth the want of the saints"* - cf. *Gal. 6:10; I Tim. 6:17-18*
- 6B. The **SCOPE** of God's grace – 12b-13
- 1C. The **Gratitude** it produces – 12b  
*"many thanksgivings unto God"*
- 2C. The **Glorifying** of God it brings – 13  
*v. 13 – "they glorify God..."* - cf. *Matt. 5:16*
- 1D. For the clear **demonstration** of their faith  
*"professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ"*
- 2D. For the generous **distribution** to those in need  
*"liberal distribution"* NIV – *"generosity in sharing"*  
NASB – *"liberality of your contribution"*
- 7B. The **SUPPLICATION** of God's grace – 14  
*"And by their prayer for you...for the exceeding grace of God in you"*
- 8B. The **SALVATION** of God's grace – 15  
*"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"*
- Greek: *anekdiegetos* – used only here  
NIV/NASB – *"indescribable"*
- The word *"gift"* is the Greek *dorea* – used 11 Times  
*cf. John 4:10; Acts 2:38; 8:20; 10:45; 11:17; Rom. 5:15, 17; Eph. 3:7; 4:7*



# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 21

## “SPIRITUAL WARFARE”

*II Corinthians 10:1-6*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

1A. AS TO SPIRITUAL ARMOR - I CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

1B. His APPEAL was based on the example of our Lord – 1a  
“*by the meekness and gentleness of Christ*” – cf. *Matt. 11:29-30*

Gk: *praiotes* – used 9 times –

Cf. - *Gal. 5:23; 6:1; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; II Tim. 2:25*

2B. His ATTITUDE was reflected in the way he manifested boldness – 1b-2

1C. In their Presence  
“*base among you*” – NASB – “*meek*” NIV – “*timid*”

2C. In his Purpose – 2a  
“*that I may not be bold when I am present*”

3C. In his Presentation to certain ones who accused him – v. 2b  
“*to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh*” - NIV – “*by the standards of this world*”

3B. His ANSWER was a clear statement as to how believers should deal with opposition – 3-6

1C. Our Struggle is not physical – 3-4a  
“*war*” – Gk: *strateuomai* – 7 times

cf. *II Tim. 2:3-4; James 4:1-3; I Pet. 2:11*

cf. *Eph. 6:10-12* - “*the weapons of our warfare are not carnal*”

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- 1D. The **methods** used to defeat us are demonic – Eph. 6:11  
*“the wiles of the devil”*
- v. 12 – *“against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* - v. 16 – *“the fiery darts of the wicked”*
- 2D. The **means** that the devil uses are *“fleshly lusts”* – I Peter 2:11  
cf. *James 1:13-15; 3:14-16*
- 3D. The **motive** is weakened when priorities are wrong – 2 Tim. 2:3-4  
*“that he may please Him Who hath chosen him to be a soldier”*
- 2C. Our **Strength** comes from the Lord – 4b  
*“but mighty through God”*
- NIV – *“divine power”* NASB – *“divinely powerful”*  
cf. *Eph. 6:10* – *“be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might”*
- 3C. Our **Strategy** deals with the way people think and reason – 4c-5
- 1D. The **resistance** must be destroyed  
*“pulling down of strongholds”*  
True repentance is a “change of mind” – Gk: *metanoieo*
- 2D. The **reasoning** of people’s minds is the heart of the problem  
*“casting down imaginations”*
- Gk: *logismos* - NIV – *“demolish arguments”*  
NASB – *“destroying speculations”* - cf. *Proverbs 21:22*
- 1E. Let no man “beguile” you with enticing words – Col. 2:4
- 2E. Let no man “spoil” you through philosophy and vain deceit – Col. 2:8
- 3E. Let no man “judge” you – Col. 2:16
- 4E. Let no man “beguile” you of your reward...vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind – Col. 2:18

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3D. The **refusal** to submit to the knowledge of God is rooted in pride  
*"every high thing that exalteth itself gainst the knowledge of God"*

4D. The **result** which must take place is an issue of control  
*"bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"*

cf. *Psalm 29:14*

4C. Our difficult **Situations** will find us prepared if our strategy is applied – 6  
*"And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience"*

Ready to confront and bring justice when we are obedience to the  
strategies of spiritual warfare!

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Message No. 22

## “SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY”

*II Corinthians 10:7-18*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MONEY - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MOTIVES - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

1A. AS TO SPIRITUAL ARMOR - I CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

2A. AS TO SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY - II CORINTHIANS 10:7-18

Introduction: What is “authority”?

Greek: *exousia* – used 103 times

(1) It refers to position (title, office, chain of command, etc.)

cf. *Matt. 8:9; 20:25; Acts 8:27; I Cor. 15:24; I Tim. 2:2, 12; Rev. 13:2*

(2) It refers to practice – *Matt. 7:29*

*“taught them as one having authority – NOT as the scribes”*

(3) It refers to Permission – *Matt. 2:23-24; Acts 9:14*

(4) It refers to Punishment – *John 5:27*

(5) It refers to Possessions – *Mark 13:34; Luke 19:17*

(6) It refers to Precepts – *Titus 2:15*

(7) It refers to Power – *Luke 4:36; 9:1*

1B. His REMARK about outward appearance – 7

*“Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?”* – cf. *I Sam. 16:7*

NIV – *“on the surface of things”*

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- 2B. The **REASON** for true spiritual authority – 8  
“*for edification, and not for your destruction*”

Gk: *oidodome* – 18 times – cf. *I Cor. 14:3, 5, 12, 26; II Cor. 5:1; Eph. 4:12, 16, 29* “*destruction*” – NIV – “*rather than pulling you down*”

- 3B. The **REACTION** to his letters – 9-11

- 1C. His **Concern** – 9  
“*not...terrify you*”

- 2C. Their **Criticism** – 10

- 1D. The contrast between his letters and his physical appearance  
“*bodily presence is weak* (Gk. *astheneo* – used 42 times – “without strength”) - cf. *II Cor. 12:7-10; Gal. 6:17*

- 2D. The contrast between his letters and his ability to communicate in public

“*his speech contemptible*” Greek: *exoutheneo* – 18 times  
NIV – “*amounts to nothing*”

Opposite of “honor: - refers to scorn, ridicule, and despising  
cf. *Lk. 18:9; 23:11; Acts 4:11; Rom. 14:3, 10; I Cor. 1:28; 6:4; 16:11; Gal. 4:14; I Thess. 5:20*

Note: An apocryphal account describes his physical features: “A man of small stature, with a bald head and crooked legs, in a good state of the body, with eyebrows meeting and nose somewhat hooked, full of friendliness.” (The Acts of Paul)

- 3C. His **Consistency** – 11

- 4B. His **REFERENCE** to how some boast of their spiritual authority – 12-13

Note: Seven times in verses 12-18 a negative particle appears in Greek

- 1C. Their basic **Problem**  
“*commend themselves*” – cf. *Proverbs 27:2*

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- 2C. Their unwise **Practice**  
*"measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise"*
- 3C. Paul's **Priorities** – 13
  - 1D. **Refuses** to use himself as a standard of measurement.
  - 2D. **Relies** upon God's direction  
*"the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us"*  
cf. *Gal. 2:7-9*
  - 3D. **Reaches** the Corinthians  
*"a measure to reach even unto you"*
- 5B. The **REALIZATION** of his commitment to the gospel – 14-16
  - 1C. **Controlled** by the direction of the Holy Spirit  
cf. *Acts 16:6-7; 20:22*
  - 2C. **Careful** about the labors of others – 15a
  - 3C. **Concerned** about their growth – 15b
  - 4C. **Committed** to reaching in the regions beyond – 16
- 6B. The **RESPONSE** of true spiritual authority – 17  
*"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord"* – cf. *I Cor. 1:31; Gal. 6:14*
- 7B. The **RECOGNITION** of true spiritual authority comes from the Lord – 18  
*"For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth."*

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Message No. 23

**“GODLY JEALOUSY”**

***II Corinthians 11:1-11***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

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2A. AS TO SPIRITUAL **AUTHORITY** - II CORINTHIANS 10:7-18

3A. AS TO SPECIAL **AFFECTION** - II CORINTHIANS 11:1-11

1B. Seen in his **PRESENTATION** to them – 1

*“bear with me a little in my folly” - cf. II Cor. 11:16-18, 23; 12:6, 11*

Gk: *anechein* – “to put up” – used 5 times in this chapter – 11:1 (twice), 4, 19, 20 – last phrase should be translated as an imperative.

2B. Seen in his **PURPOSE** for them – 2

*“that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”*

1C. The **Manner** in which he expressed his affection for them

*“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy” - cf. Ex. 20:5; Deut. 5:9*

2C. The **Means** by which his purpose for them could be realized

*“for I have espoused you to one husband”*

NIV – “*promised*” NASB – “*betrothed*”

Gk: *hermosamen* (harmony) – “to fit together”

3C. The **Motive** behind it

*“may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”*

3B. Seen in the **POSSIBILITY** of deception – 3-4

1C. His **Concern** was real

*“But I fear”*

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- 2C. The **Craftiness** of the devil is well known  
*"as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety"*

Gk: *panourgia* – used 5 times - cf. *II Cor. 4:2; Eph. 4:14*  
*"beguiled"* – Greek: *exapatao* – 5 times – cf. *I Cor. 3:18; II Thess. 2:3*

Satan's craftiness (Genesis 3:1-6)

1D. He questioned the specifics of God's command – 1

2D. He denied that there were any consequences – 4

3D. He argued that God's motive was to keep them from having the knowledge that He had – 5

- 3C. The **Corruption** that can easily occur  
*"so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ"*  
NIV/NASB – *"led astray"*

- 4C. The **Characteristics** of this deception – 4

1D. A **denial** of the Person of Jesus Christ  
*"another Jesus"* – Gk: *allos* – they say that it is the same Jesus, but in fact, it is not. *II John 7-11*

2D. A **difference** in the work of the Holy Spirit  
*"another spirit"* – *Gal. 3:2-3; II Tim. 1:7*

3D. A **distortion** of the facts of the gospel  
*"another gospel"* – *Gal. 1:6-7*

- 5C. The **Compromise** that is possible  
*"ye might well bear with him"* - NASB – *"you bear this beautifully"*

- 4B. Seen in his **POSITION** in their midst – 5-6

- 1C. Their **Attitudes** did not make him inferior to them – 5  
*"chiefest apostles"*

NIV – "super" NASB – "most eminent"



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- 2C. His Ability in communication did not negate His knowledge  
*"though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge"*  
*"rude"* – Gk: *idiots* NASB – "unskilled" NIV – "not a trained speaker"
- 3C. His Activities among them was well known  
*"thoroughly made manifest among you in all things"*  
NIV – "in every way"
- 5B. Seen in his PRACTICES among them – 7-9
- 1C. The Humility he manifested was well known – 7a  
*"abusing myself"*
- 2C. The Honor for the Lord was evident in his refusal to charge them for his ministry among them  
  
*"I have preached to you the gospel of God freely"* NIV – "free of charge"
- 3C. The Help he needed personally came from others – 8-9
- 1D. His travel necessities came from other churches and people – 8  
*"I robbed other churches, taking wages of them"*  
NIV – "receiving support"
- 2D. His personal needs were supplied by those who came from Macedonia – 9  
  
cf. *Phil. 4:15-19*
- 6B. Seen in the PROOF of His love for them – 10-11
- 1C. His Integrity was real - *"as the truth of Christ is in me"*
- 2C. The Impact of His practices among them would be openly shared  
*"no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia"*
- 3C. The Intimacy of His affection for them was certainly know by God Himself  
*"Wherefore? Because I love you not? - God knoweth!"*  
cf. *Acts 20:32-38; II Cor. 2:4; Phil. 1:7-8*

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Message No. 24

**“FALSE APOSTLES”**

***II Corinthians 11:12-15***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

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3A. AS TO SPECIAL **AFFECTION** - II CORINTHIANS 11:1-11

4A. AS TO FALSE **APOSTLES** - II CORINTHIANS 11:12-15

A brief summary of the word “*apostles*”

The word “apostle” appears 19 times; the plural appears 60 times; the “apostles of Jesus Christ” 9 times (7 by Paul; 2 by Peter)

The words “*twelve apostles*” appear only 3 times (Matt. **10:2**; **Luke 22:14**; **Revelation 21:14**) The word “*apostleship*” is found 4 times in **Acts 1:25**; **Rom. 1:5**; **I Cor. 9:2**; and **Gal. 2:8**. Usage of the Greek noun *apostolos* is found 81 times, and the verb *apostello* occurs 148 times; the word *apostole* – used 4 times. Over 230 usages in the Greek language of the NT. In addition to the 12 apostles, the following are called “*apostles*”:

Paul	Barnabas	Timothy
Andronicus	Junias	Titus
James (the Lord’s brother)	Silvanus	Epaphroditus

The word “*apostles*” is used with the word “*prophets*” in three ways in the NT:

- (1) The foundation of the church – **Eph. 2:20**
- (2) The revelation about the church – **Eph. 3:5**
- (3) The confirmation of the Word – **Mark 16:17-20**; **II Cor. 12:12**; **Heb.2:3-4**

1B. The **CUTTING OFF** of the opportunities for false apostles – 12  
“*they glory*” – cf. **II Cor. 5:12**

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2B. The **CHARACTERISTICS** of false apostles – 13

1C. They **Claim** to be true apostles  
*"for such are false apostles"*

2C. They **Confuse** the body of Christ  
*"deceitful workers"*

3C. The **Conform** in outward appearance and actions to the true apostles of Christ

*"transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ"*

3B. The **CONTROL** of false apostles – 14

*"and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light"*

NOTE: Apocryphal literature speaks of this fact about Satan. In the "Life of Adam & Eve" – chapter 9, verse 1 reads: *"Then Satan was angry and transformed himself into the brightness of angels."* In "The Apocalypse of Moses" – chap. 17, verse 1, we read: *"Then Satan came in the form of an angel and sang hymns to God as the angels."*

1C. The true **Identity** of Satan/Devil

1D. "anointed cherub" – *Ezek. 28:13-15*

2D. "angel of the bottomless pit" – *Rev. 9:11*

3D. "old serpent" – *Rev. 12:9*

4D. "father of lies" – *John 8:44*

5D. "god of this world" – *II Cor. 4:4*

6D. "the prince of the power of the air" – *Eph. 2:2*

2C. The **Influence** of Satan over other angels who sinned and fell with him

1D. "the prince of devils" – *Matt. 12:24*

2D. "devil and his angels" – *Matt. 25:41*

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- 3D. "king over them" – **Rev. 9:11**
- 4D. "dragon and his angels" – **Rev. 12:7**
- 3C. The **Impact** which Satan and his demons have in this world
  - 1D. Causes **deception** – **Rev. 12:9**
  - 2D. Causes **distortion** of the gospel – **II Cor. 4:4**
  - 3D. Causes **doubt** in God's Word - **Gen. 3:1-6**
  - 4D. Causes **desires** to be fulfilled in disobedience to God – **I Cor. 7:5**
  - 5D. Causes **departure** from the faith - **I Tim. 4:1**
- 4B. The **CONDUCT** of false apostles – 15  
*"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness"*  
  
Gk: *metaschematizo* – "masquerade" – play a Role without inward change!
- 5B. The **CONSEQUENCES** that false apostles face  
*"whose end shall be according to their works"*

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 25

## “GLORY IN SUFFERING”

*II Corinthians 11:16-33*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

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4A. AS TO FALSE APOSTLES - II CORINTHIANS 11:12-15

5A. AS TO SERIOUS AFFLICTIONS - II CORINTHIANS 11:16-33

1B. His REMARKS about boasting – 11:16-19

*“I say again” – NIV – “repeat”*

He picks up the point he made in verse 1 of Chapter 11.

1C. The Source of his remarks

*“not after the Lord” - cf. II Cor. 10:17*

2C. The Similarity of his remarks to what the world does – 18

*“seeing that many glory after the flesh”*

NIV – *“boasting in the way the world does” - cf. Prov. 26:5*

3C. The Suffering of fools – 19

*“ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise” “suffer”*

NIV – *“put up with” - NASB – “bear with”*

2B. The REPROACH they endured from others - 11:20-21

Paul wanted to help the church; the false teachers wanted to take advantage of them. He lists the common ways this was done:

1C. Legalism – *“bring you into bondage”*

2C. Exploitation – *“devour you”*

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- 3C. Manipulation – *"take of you"*  
NIV/NASB – *"take advantage of you"*
- 4C. Boasting – *"exalt himself"*
- 5C. Intimidation – *"smite you on the face"*  
(possibly verbal put downs)

They interpreted Paul's humility and his meekness as weakness and a failure to be bold.

- 3B. The **REFERENCE** to His Jewish background - 11:22  
cf. *Phil. 3:1-14*

- 1C. His religious **Devotion**  
*"Are they Hebrews? so am I"*
- 2C. His national **Dedication**  
*"Are they Israelites? so am I"*
- 3C. His physical **Descent**  
*"Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I"*

- 4B. The **REVIEW** of what he suffered – 11:23-27

- 1C. His **Declaration** of how extensive it was  
*"Are they ministers (servants) of Christ?"*  
  
*("I am more" and "more abundant"*  
*"above measure" and "more frequent" "oft")*

He refers in a general way to what he constantly faced:

- 1D. Heavy work load
- 2D. Physical attacks
- 3D. Imprisonment
- 4D. Life-threatening situations

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2C. His **Description** of situations that could have ended his ministry - 24-25

1D. **Stripes**

*"Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one"*

*"Thrice was I beaten with rods" - cf. Acts 16:22-23*

2D. **Stoning**

*"once was I stoned" - cf. Acts 14:19*

3D. **Shipwreck**

*"thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep" - Acts 27:41*

3C. The many **Dangers** from traveling so much – 26

*"in journeyings often" - The word "perils" used eight times!*

1D. The **places** of danger:

1E. Rivers

2E. City

3E. Wilderness

4E. Sea

2D. The **people** who were dangerous:

1E. Robbers

2E. Mine own countrymen

3E. Heathen (Gentiles)

4E. False brethren

4C. The physical deprivation he often endured – 27

1D. Physical **exhaustion**

*"in weariness and painfulness"*

NIV – *"labored and toiled"* - NASB – *"labor and hardship"*

2D. Physical **endurance**

*"in hunger and thirst, in fastings often"*

NIV/NASB – *"gone without food"*

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- 3D. Physical environments  
    *"in cold and nakedness"* NASB: *"exposure"*
- 5B. The REMINDER of his daily responsibilities – 11:28  
    *"the care of all the churches"*
- 6B. The REALIZATION of his true motivations – 11:29-31  
    cf. *Acts 20:22-24*
- 1C. His Confession is refreshing  
    *"weak"* and *burn*" – cf. *Heb. 5:1-2*
- 2C. His Commitment is totally reliable  
    *"I lie not"*
- 7B. The RESCUE he experienced at Damascus – 11:32-33  
    Aretus IV, king of Nabateans, ruled at Petra from 9 BC-40 AD  
  
    cf. *II Tim. 4:16-18*



# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 26

“GOD’S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT”

*II Corinthians 12:1-10*

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT MINISTRY - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

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5A. AS TO SERIOUS AFFLICTIONS - II CORINTHIANS 11:16-33

6A. AS TO SATANIC ATTACKS - II CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

1B. The REVELATIONS that he was given – 1-6

1C. The Meaning of these “visions” and “revelations”

1D. “visions”

Gk: *optasia* – 3 times - cf. *Luke 1:22; 24:23*

cf. *Acts 9:3 & 22:6; 9:12; 16:9; 22:17; 18:9-10; 23:11; 27:23*

2D. “revelations”

Gk: *apokalupsis* - 10 times – cf. *Gal. 1:12; 2:2; Eph. 3:3*

*I Pet. 4:13; Rev. 1:1*

2C. The Manner in which he received them – 2-4

1D. His inability to know exactly what happened

“*whether in the body...or whether out of the body...I cannot tell...God knoweth*” – *Luke 14:19-20*

2D. The identity of the place where he

was “*caught up*” – Gk: *harpazo* – used 18 times

*I Th. 4:17; Rev. 12:5*

1E. “third heaven” – where God dwells

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- 2E. "paradise"  
3 times – *Lk. 23:43; Rev. 2:7 cf. Rev. 22:2*
- 3C. The **Message** of those revelations – 4  
*"unspeakable words...not lawful for a man to utter"*  
NIV/NASB – *"inexpressable"*
- 4C. The **Motive** behind it – 5-6  
*"not glory, but in mine infirmities"*
- 1D. The **greatness** of the experience would be worth telling  
*"of such an one will I glory"*
- 2D. The **glory** belongs to the Lord, and His purposes in our lives –  
including our infirmities!  
  
*"yet of (about) myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities"*
- 3D. The **goal** is to keep others from thinking more of you than is true 6  
*"lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be or that he heareth of me."*
- 2B. The **REASON** behind the attacks he experienced – 7  
*"lest I should be exalted above measure"* – he says it twice in this verse.
- 1C. The **Possibility** of pride  
*"exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations"*
- 2C. The **Problem** he was given  
*"a thorn in the flesh"*  
  
Gk: *skolops* – refers to a stake used for torturing cf. *Gal. 6:11*
- 3C. The **Persecution** came from Satan – "*a messenger of Satan to buffet me*"
- The experience of *Job 1:6-12, 20-22; 2:1-10*  
*"buffet"* – Gk: *kolephizo* – 5 times  
  
cf. *Matt. 26:67; I Cor. 4:11; I Pet. 2:20* (to hit with the fist)

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3B. The **REQUEST** he made to the Lord – 8

1C. The **Repetition** of the request shows how serious it was  
*"besought the Lord thrice"*

2C. The **Removal** of the problem is what he wanted  
*"that it might depart from me"*

NOTE: Interesting how people handle suffering that comes into their lives:

- (1) **Bitterness** (believing you don't deserve it)
- (2) **Blame** (God and others)
- (3) **Burden** (trying to endure it)
- (4) **Belief** (that God is going to remove it)
- (5) **Blessing** (God will use it for His glory)

4B. The **RESPONSE** from the Lord – 9a

1C. The **Sufficiency** of His grace  
*"My grace is sufficient for thee"*

Gk: *arkeo* – 8 times – cf. *John 6:7; 14:8; I Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5*  
cf. *Phil. 4:11-13*

2C. The **Strength** He will provide  
*"My strength is made perfect in weakness"- cf. Eph. 3:20-21*

5B. The **REALIZATION** of the power he needed – 9b-10

(notice three things)

1C. The **Power** comes from the Lord when attitudes are right  
*"Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

2C. The **Pleasure** we have in our pain comes when we understand how the Lord will use it

*"Therefore I take pleasure in..."*  
*Therefore* – Gk: *dio* – "on account of this..."

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NOTE: Not all sickness is the result of specific sin in the life of the believer (John 9:1-3); the spiritual is far more important than the physical! Physical pain should never keep us from effective Christian service!

1D. The **circumstances** of suffering – 10

PHYSICAL  
WEAKNESS

- 1E. “infirmities” – Gk: *astheneiais*  
weakness – “without strength” used 88 times in its forms  
In *II Cor. 10:10; 11:21, 29; 13:3, 4, 9*

VERBAL  
INSULTS

- 2E. “reproaches” – Gk: *hubresin*  
used 3 times – *Acts 27:10, 21* - refers to “insults”

PERSONAL  
DIFFICULTIES

- 3E. “necessities” – Gk: *anagkai*  
used 19 times – cf. *II Cor. 6:4*

BODILY  
HARM

- 4E. “persecutions” – Gk: *diogmois*  
used 10 times

EMOTIONAL  
STRESS

- 5E. “distresses” – Gk: *stenochoriais*  
used 4 times literally means “narrowness of room”

cf. *II Cor. 6:4*

2D. The **cause** of our suffering - “*for Christ’s sake*” – 10b  
cf. *I Pet. 2:19; 3:14, 17; 4:14-19*

3C. The **Principle** that he learned – 10c  
“*for when I am weak, then am I strong*”

# SECOND CORINTHIANS

Message No. 27

**“ALL THINGS FOR EDIFYING”**

***II Corinthians 12:11-21***

Introduction: ***II Corinthians 1:1-2***

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - II Corinthians 1:3-7:16

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14

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5A. AS TO SERIOUS **AFFLICTIONS** - II CORINTHIANS 11:16-33

6A. AS TO SATANIC **ATTACKS** - II CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

7A. AS TO PERSONAL **ATTITUDES** - II CORINTHIANS 12:11-21

1B. His **EXPLANATION** of his apostolic authority - 11

1C. The **Pressure** came from the Corinthians

*“ye have compelled me” - NIV – “drove me to it”*

Gk: *anagkazo* – used 9 times - cf. *Gal. 2:3, 14; 6:12*

2C. His **Position** among the apostles was well known

*“in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles”*

3C. The **Picture** he had of himself

*“though I be nothing”*

Greek *“though”* is *ei* with indicative *“Since it is so”*

2B. The **EVIDENCE** of his apostleship – 12

1C. The **Identity** of this evidence:

1D. **SIGNS** – 77 times – emphasis on the purpose of God.

2D. **WONDERS** - 16 times – emphasis on the people who are being affected.

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- 3D. **MIRACLES** – 123 times – emphasis on the power of God being displayed.
- 2C. The **Intent** behind this evidence:
  - 1D. In the case of our Lord – ***John 20:30-31***
  - 2D. In the case of the apostles – ***Mark 16:17-20; Hebrews 2:3-4***
- 3B. The **EXTENT** of his pressure upon them – 13-14
  - 1C. His **Method** of dealing with them – 13
  - 2C. His **Motive** is clear – 14  
***"I will not be burdensome to you; for I seek not yours, but you"***
  - 3C. The **Means** he used to prove his point – 15
- 4B. The **EXPRESSION** of his love for them – 15
  - 1C. The **Dedication** he had toward them  
***"I will very gladly spend and be spent for you"***
  - 2C. The **Dilemma** he had  
***"though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved"***  
NIV/NASB – ***"If I love you more, will you love me less?"***
- 5B. The **EDIFICATION** that he practiced – 16-19
  - 1C. He **Exposed** their own problem  
***"I caught you with guile"*** – Gk: *dolos* – used 12 times – his satire set them up to see their own problem – they were arrogant and questioning Paul's authority revealed it.
  - 2C. He **Explained** clearly that his motives were pure – he never took advantage of them, nor did the men he sent to them – 17-18
  - 3C. He **Emphasized** that he and his co-workers were answerable to God, and that their purpose was edification alone!  
Gk: *oikodome* – used 18 times - cf. ***Eph. 4:12, 16, 29***

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6B. His **EXHORTATIONS** – 20-21

1C. **Remove** the hostility among believers!

(Eight results of bad attitudes among believers in their relationships)

1D. **"Debates"**

Gk: *eris* – 9 times NIV – "*strife*" – wanting your way!

2D. **"Envyings"**

Gk: *zelos* – 17 times constant jealousy

3D. **"Wraths"**

Gk: *thumos* – 18 times outbursts of anger/bad temper

4D. **"Strifes"**

Gk: *ekieritheia* developing cliques, factions, etc.

5D. **"Backbitings"**

Gk: *katalalia* to speak down or against

6D. **"Whisperings"**

Gk: *psithurismos* gossip – excluding others by the things you say

7D. **"Swellings"** - arrogance

8D. **"Tumults"**

Gk: *akatastasia* – quarreling, disputing – *James 3:16*

2C. **Repent** of all sinful practices!

1D. **"Uncleanness"**

shameful talk and inappropriate jokes & remarks

2D. **"Fornication"**

Gk: *porneia* – sexual sin or immorality

3D. **"Lasciviousness"**

Gk: *aselgeia* – used 9 times – *II Pet. 2:7, 18; Jude 4*. Most of these practices are listed in *Galatians 5:19-20* as "*works of the flesh*"

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Message No. 28

**“EXAMINE YOURSELVES”**

*II Corinthians 13:1-10*

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8A. AS TO CONTINUAL ABSENCE - II CORINTHIANS 13:1-10

1B. His CONCERN about their response to his authority – 1-4

1C. His Reference to the law of sufficient evidence – 1  
cf. *Deut. 19:15; 17:6* - cf. *I Tim. 5:19-20; Hebrews 10:28*.  
The application – *Matt. 18:15-20*

2C. His Reason for this letter - 2  
“*being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned*”  
cf. *II Cor. 12:21* - cf. *Proverbs 27:5-6*

3C. His Remarks concerning Christ speaking through him – 3-4  
cf. *I Cor. 14:37-38*

2B. His CHALLENGE to them to do some self-examination – 5-8  
“*Examine yourselves*” - “*Prove yourselves*”

(Greek text puts the word “*yourselves*” first – in the emphatic position.)

1C. The Practice of self-examination  
cf. *I Cor. 11:26-32*



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- 2C. The **Purpose** of self-examination  
"whether ye be in the faith"

cf. *I Cor. 16:13; Titus 1:13; I Pet. 5:9; Jude 20*

- 3C. The **Priority** of self-examination  
"how that Jesus Christ is in you"

cf. *Col. 1:27* – "in Christ" – 77 times - cf. *John 14:20; 15:4-5; 17:21-23*

- 4C. The **Problem** of self-examination  
"except ye be reprobates" - NIV/NASB – "you fail the test"

- 1D. The **testimony** of Paul – 6  
"we are not reprobates"

- 2D. The **truth** for which he prayed – 7-8

- 1E. A **prayerful** desire  
"that ye do no evil" (Gk: *kakon*)  
"that ye should do that which is honest" (Gk: *kalon* – "good")

- 2E. A **powerful** dependency  
"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth"  
"for" Gk: *huper* – "in behalf of"

- 3B. His **COMMITMENT** to their spiritual growth and maturity – 9-10

- 1C. It involved their **Perfection** – 9  
Gk: *katartisin* from *katartizo*

Used about 17 times *Matt. 4:21* – "mending nets" - *I Cor. 1:10; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:12 - I Thess. 3:10; Heb. 13:20-21; II Pet. 5:10*

- 2C. It involved their **Edification** – 10  
"not to destruction"

We are to build people up, not tear them down!

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Message No. 29

“FINAL WORDS”

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1B. REMEMBER what should characterize the lives of all believers – 11a

1C. Maturity – “*be perfect*” – cf. v. 9

Some translate “mend your ways” or “restore”

2C. Encouragement – “*be of good comfort*”

The Greek verb *parakaleo* is used 17 times by Paul, but only here as a command.

3C. Unity – “*be of one mind*”

*Romans 12:16; 15:5; Phil. 2:1-4; 4:2*

4C. Harmony – “*live in peace*”

*Mark 9:50; Rom. 12:18*

2B. REJOICE in the promise of God – 11b

“and the God of love and peace shall be with you” – words of Jesus in *Matt. 28:20* - The promise is clear: “shall be with you”

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- 3B. **RESPOND** to one another with affection – 12  
“Greet one another with an holy kiss”

The word “kiss” is used 20 times in the Bible; the plural “kisses” twice, and the verb “kissed” 26 times

- 1C. It was **Common** among believers  
“greet one another”

***Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12; I Thess. 5:26; I Pet. 5:14***

- 1D. It was **used** as a social greeting – ***Luke 7:45***

- 2D. It was **understood** by believers to be an expression of love  
indicating close relationships as in a family

***I Pet. 5:14 cf. Acts 20:37-38 - cf. I Kings 19:20***  
“father & mother” - cf. ***Luke 16:20*** – prodigal son

- 2C. It was **Controlled** - “*holy kiss*”  
***Proverbs 7:6-23*** - cf. ***Song of Solomon 1:1; 8:1***

- 3C. It was **Corrupted** by Judas  
***Matt. 26:48-50; Luke 22:47-48*** - cf. ***Proverbs 27:5-6***

- 4C. It was **Committed** by those who wanted to show adoration and love for  
the Lord

- 1D. A kiss of faith – ***Psalm 2:12***

2. A kiss of thanksgiving – ***Luke 7:38***

- 4B. **RELY** upon the resources of our triune God - 14

- 1C. **GRACE** – “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ”  
cf. ***II Cor. 8:9***

- 1D. It is the grace that **saves** us  
***Eph. 1:6-7; 2:8-10***

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2D. It is the grace that **sustains** us  
***II Cor. 12:9***

3D. It is the grace that **seeks** to forgive others – ***Eph. 4:32***

- 2C. **LOVE** – “and the love of God”  
***John 3:16; I John 4:7-11***. Believers told to “love one another” 16 times in the NT.
- 3C. **FELLOWSHIP** – “and the communion of the Holy Ghost” – we are made one by His presence within all believers!

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*Message No. 30*

## “SUMMARY OF BOOK”

*II Corinthians 1:1-13:14*

Theme: “**THE HEART OF GOD’S SERVANT**”

Introduction: *II Corinthians 1:1-2*

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MINISTRY** - I Corinthians 1:3-7:16 (132 verses)

- 1A. The **COMFORT** of the Lord – 1:3-7
- 2A. The **CONSCIENCE** of God’s servant – 1:8-12
- 3A. The **CONFIDENCE** of the believer – 1:13-24
- 4A. The **CONCERN** of God’s servant – 2:1-11
- 5A. The **COMMITMENT** of God’s servant – 2:12-17
- 6A. The **COMMENDATION** of God’s servant – 3:1-11
- 7A. The **CHANGE** of the spirit – 3:12-18
- 8A. The **CHARACTER** of the ministry – 4:1-7
- 9A. The **CAUSE** behind faithfulness – 4:8-18
- 10A. The **CLOTHING** of the future – 5:1-8
- 11A. The **CONSTRAINT** of love – 5:9-16
- 12A. The **CREATION** of God – 5:17-21
- 13A. The **CONFLICTS** of ministry – 6:1-10
- 14A. The **COMMAND** to separate – 6:11-18
- 15A. The **COMING** of Titus – 7:1-8
- 16A. The **CARE** of God’s servant – 7:9-16

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THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MONEY** - II Corinthians 8:1-9:15 (39 verses)

1A. The **PATTERN** of giving – 8:1-5

2A. The **PROOF** of love – 8:6-24

3A. The **PRINCIPLES** of giving – 9:1-7

4A. The **PROMISES** of giving – 9:8-15

THE EXHORTATION ABOUT **MOTIVES** - II Corinthians 10:1-13:14 (86 verses)

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