

Second Corinthians

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Recipients: the Church at Corinth

Theme: Comfort & Ministry

Key Verse: 1:5

“For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance,
so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.”

Salutation (1:1-2)

I. PAUL OFFERS EXPLANATION FOR HIS CONDUCT (1:3-7:16).

1. He Explains His Thankfulness To God (1:3-11).
2. He Explains His Intended Visit To Corinth (1:12-2:4).
3. He Explains His Instruction To Restore The Fallen (2:5-11).
4. He Explains His Inner Feelings As They Relate To His Ministry (2:12-7:16).

II. PAUL EXTENDS AN EXHORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE JERUSALEM CHURCH (8:1-9:15).

1. He Exhorts Them Through The Macedonian Example (8:1-7).
2. He Exhorts Them Through Christ's Own Example (8:8-9).
3. He Exhorts Them Through The Ideal Of Equality (8:10-15).
4. He Exhorts Them Through The Notification Of Titus' Coming (8:16-9:5).
5. He Exhorts Them Through Divine Reward (9:6-15).

III. PAUL PRONOUNCES VILIFICATION UPON THE FLESHLY BELIEVERS (10:1-13:10).

1. He Shames Them For Their Weakness (10:1-12).
2. He Shames Them By Reminding Them That He Led Them To Christ (10:13-11:6).
3. He Shames Them By Pointing Out The Sacrifices Of Others (11:7-8).
4. He Shames Them Through Mention Of His Own Sufferings (11:9-12:18).
5. He Vindicates His Vilification Of Them (12:19-21).

6. He Admonishes Them In The Name And Work Of Christ (13:1-10).

Conclusion (13:1-14).