



SECOND CORINTHIANS

LESSON TWO

CHAPTER FIVE

Please memorize the following verse and be prepared to write it out at the end of this lesson.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17– KJV).

Which Bible version are you using to do this lesson? _____

OUR HEAVENLY DWELLING

Read 2 Corinthians 5:1 - 10 _____ Check

1. (vs. 1) What are our mortal bodies compared to? _____

2. (vs. 1) What will we receive when this earthly body is destroyed? _____

3. (vss. 2-5) How does Paul describe what our life is like in this earthly body (compare Romans 8: 22-25)? _____

4. (vs. 5) What has God given us and for what purpose as described in this verse? _____

5. (vss. 6-8) (compare Philippians 1:21-24) What does it mean if we are not living in this body? _____

6. (vs. 8) Which is to be preferred? _____

7. (vs. 7) How do we live (walk – KJV)? _____

8. (vs. 9) What is our goal in our labor for Christ? _____

9. (vs. 10) Where must we all appear and for what purpose? _____

THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 _____ Check

10. (vs. 11) What is Paul’s motivation to try to persuade men of the gospel? _____

11. (vs. 14) What compels (constrains – KJV) Paul? _____

Note: The Greek word “*sunecho*” is translated “*compels*” in the New International Version and as “*constraineth*” in the King James Version. The King James translation is more accurate in that the word has the meaning of being compressed or held together. The words “because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all” seem to be parenthetical and the thought seems to be continued from the beginning of verse 14 to the last half of verse 15. Therefore, the flow of the reasoning would be as follows, “For the love of Christ constraineth us;... that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” Thus Paul is making the point that God’s love constrains our behavior so that we live in a way that brings honor and glory to him, rather than in a way that merely satisfies our own desires and interests.

12. (vs. 15) For whom did Christ die? _____

13. (vs. 15) For whom should we now live? _____

14. (vs. 17) How is a person that is “in Christ” described by Paul? _____

15. (vs 17) What has happened to old things and what has happened to all things? _____

16. (vs. 18-19) What has God done in Christ? _____

17. (vs. 19) What has God done with our sin? _____

18. (vss. 18-19) What has God given to us? _____

19. (vs. 20) What job do we have for Christ? _____

20. (vs. 20) What is the message we are to give to the world? _____

21. (vs. 21) Describe in your own words what this verse means to you. _____

CHAPTER SIX

1. (vs. 2) When is the day of salvation? _____

PAUL'S HARDSHIPS

Read 2 Corinthians 6: 3-13 _____ Check

2. (vss. 3-13) What does the list of hardships that Paul endured say about the sincerity of his ministry? _____

DO NOT BE UNEQUALLY YOKED

Read 2 Corinthians 6: 14-7:1 _____ Check

3. (vs. 14) What is the main command in this verse? _____

4. (vss. 14-16) Paul uses five rhetorical questions to make his point in these verses that Christians should not be yoked together with unbelievers. What five good and evil things does Paul contrast to show that Christians and unbelievers have nothing in common?

GOOD

EVIL

5. (vs. 16) What are we called in the second half of this verse? _____

6. (vs. 17) What instructions does the Lord give us in this verse? _____

7. (vs. 17 – 7:1) Describe some practical applications of this verse for your life today? _____

CHAPTER SEVEN

PAUL’S JOY

Read 2 Corinthians 7: 2-16 _____ Check

1. (vs. 2) How has Paul treated the Corinthians believers? _____

2. (vss. 3-4) How did Paul feel about the Corinthian believers? _____

3. (vs. 5) What was Paul’s condition when he came from Macedonia? _____

4. (vs. 6) How is God described in this verse? _____

5. (vs. 6) How did God provide comfort for Paul? _____

6. (vs. 7) How did the news Titus brought with him from Corinth bring comfort to Paul? _____

7. (vss. 8-9) What effect did Paul's first letter (1 Corinthians) have on the Corinthian believers that caused them to rejoice? _____

8. (vs. 10) What does godly sorrow produce? _____

- What does worldly sorrow lead to? _____
9. (vs. 10) Describe in your own words the difference between godly and worldly sorrow. _____

10. (vs. 11) Use your own words to describe how the Corinthians responded to the sorrow produced by Paul's first letter. _____

11. (vs. 12) What was Paul trying to accomplish by writing his first letter to the Corinthian church? _____

- Note:** Paul's delight was not because they were devoted to him as a person, but that they paid heed to his instructions that he gave, which were in fact the commandments of the Lord. The reaction of the Corinthians to the first letter of Paul to them is a classic example of the power that the Word of God has to transform someone's attitude and behavior. In this case the clear instruction that Paul gave was accepted by the Corinthians and they chose to align their will and behavior with that of God. This is what the Word of God should do for all of us.
12. (vs. 13) How did Paul feel as a result of all that had taken place? _____

13. (vs. 13) Who else was encouraged by the Corinthians reaction to Paul's instruction? _____
14. (vs. 15) What caused Titus' affection for the Corinthians to increase? _____

CHAPTER EIGHT

GENEROSITY ENCOURAGED

Read 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 _____ Check

Note: One of Paul's greatest desires was to help relieve the suffering of the impoverished Jewish-Christian believers in Jerusalem. In order to help them Paul took up collections when he traveled around to the Gentile churches in which he ministered. This passage talks of the response of the Macedonian churches (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, etc.) to Paul's request for funds to help the Jerusalem churches.

1. (vs. 1) Which churches are Paul using as an example in this passage? _____

2. (vs. 2) What was the condition of those churches? _____

3. (vs. 2) What attitude came out of these extreme circumstances? _____
4. (vs. 3) To what extent did the Macedonians express their generosity? _____

- 5 (vs. 5) To Whom did the Macedonians give first priority in order for them to be so generous? _____

6. (vs. 7) In what ways did the Corinthians excel? _____

7. (vs. 7) In what way does Paul encourage the believers to excel? _____

8. (vs. 8) What is Paul trying to demonstrate (prove) through this challenge to the Corinthians? _____

9. (vs. 9) What did Jesus do for our sake? _____

10. (vs. 10) Had the Corinthians shown a generous spirit in the past? **Yes** _____ **No** _____
11. (vs. 12) Explain the meaning of this verse in your own words. _____

12. (vs. 14) How do you see the function of the members of the Body of Christ in this verse? _____

TITUS SENT TO CORINTH

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 _____ Check

13. (vs. 16) What did God put into the heart of Titus? _____

14. (vs. 17) Where is Titus going? _____

15. (vs. 18) Who is going with Titus? _____

16. (vs. 19) What was he chosen by the churches to do? _____

17. (vss. 20-21) Why was Paul so careful about how this gift was being handled? _____

18. In your own words comment on how Paul's practice of trying to avoid criticism when handling money can be applied in our ordinary lives. _____

19. (vs. 24) What is the challenge that Paul presents to the Corinthians believers? _____

CHAPTER NINE

THE CORINTHIANS' GIFT AND SOWING GENEROUSLY

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 1-15 _____ Check

1. (vss. 1-2) Were the Corinthians anxious to give for the collection for the Jewish believers? _____

2. (vs. 2) To whom has Paul been boasting about the Corinthians willingness to contribute for the needs of the Jerusalem Christians? _____

3. (vs. 3-5) Why is he sending Titus and his companions to Corinth? _____

4. (vs. 6) What spiritual principle does Paul give in this verse? _____

5. (vs. 7) How should each person determine how much he will give for the Lord's ministry? _____

6. (vs. 7) What type of giver pleases the Lord? _____
7. (vs. 8) What does God promise to us? _____

8. (vss. 9-11) For what purpose does God give us abundant blessings? _____

9. (vs. 12) What two things are accomplished through the gifts of the Corinthians? _____

10. (vs. 15) What do you believe is the unspeakable gift that Paul is referring to? _____

CHAPTER TEN

THE CORINTHIANS' GIFT AND SOWING GENEROUSLY

Read 2 Corinthians 10: 1-18 _____ Check

1. (vs. 3 -4) Is our spiritual warfare carried out in the same way in which the world fights its battles? _____ **Yes**
 _____ **No**

This passage refers to some of the same principles as those which discuss spiritual warfare in Ephesians 6:10-18. Please read that passage and answer the following question based on those verses.

2. Ephesians 6:14-17 List the six parts of the whole armor of God.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

3. (vs. 5) What do the spiritual weapons that Paul uses accomplish? _____

4. (vs. 10) Does this passage imply that Paul was a gifted public speaker or impressive physically? _____ **Yes**
_____ **No**

5. (vss. 15-16) What was Paul's hope regarding the preaching of the gospel? _____

6. (vs. 17) In whom do we boast? _____

Write 2 Corinthians 5:17 from memory on the lines below.

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