

SECOND CORINTHIANS

Lesson 1 --- An Overview

As you read through and study this letter, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed:
“Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law” Psalm 119:18.

Assignment: In the next week read through the entire book of 2 Corinthians, preferably in one sitting (it takes a while, but I guarantee you will be blessed). Keep questions 6 and 7 in mind, taking notes. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions. Try to answer them initially with the text only, then look in your study Bible or a commentary. Don't worry if you cannot find the answers. We will discuss them next week.

Questions:

- 1) Who wrote and to whom was 2Corinthians written?

- 2) Read Acts 18:1-18. Briefly describe how the Church in Corinth began. How long was Paul there and what did he do during that time? Why did he leave?

- 3) Was 1Corinthians Paul's first letter to the Corinthians? (See 1Cor. 5:9-13). If not, what do we know about this first letter?

- 4) What prompted the writing of 1Corinthians (See 1:11, 5:1, 7:1)? List some of the subjects addressed in 1Corinthians.

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- 5) Paul wrote these Corinthians a letter between 1 and 2 Corinthians. What was this letter about? (See 2Cor. 2:1-10, 2Cor. 7:8-12)
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- 6) From your reading, why do you think Paul wrote this letter (2Corinthians)?
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- 7) From your reading, what themes do you see throughout the book? (Hint: Look for repeated key words)
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- 8) What struck you the most about this book? How does this apply to your walk today?