

Corinth



2 Corinthians

- Review of 1 Corinthians
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- Background of 2 Corinthians
 - Ministry of apostleship



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”



Paul's Explanation and Defense of his Ministry (Ch 1- 7)

- Opening prayer
- Why did they reject Paul?
- Prove of authority and credentials
- Old covenant vs new covenant
- Paradox of the Cross



Application

- Reflect on your on prayer and how it can be more like Paul's prayer
- In what ways do you struggle to forgive others?
- How do your values reflect your transformed life?



Grace Giving and Collection for the Saints (Ch 8-9)

- Hard time for Jewish Christians in Jerusalem
- Paul raised \$ for relief gifts from other churches
- Sign of transformation



2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.”



Application

- How do you generously give your time and resources to those in need?



Paul's Apostolic Authority (Ch 10-13)

- "Super Apostles"
- Paul's and "Super Apostles" credentials
- Warning to the Corinthians



2 Corinthians 12:9

“But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”



Application

- How does Paul's warning to the Corinthians apply to you?

