

NT Survey: 2 Corinthians

1. Introduction:

A. Miscellaneous – probably the least studied of all Paul’s epistles...not logically arranged ...strong emotions...considered the most auto-biographical.

B. Introductory Material:

1. Author – almost unanimously accepted as Pauline
2. Recipients – church at Corinth (1:1; 10:1)
3. When and Where Written – Written from Macedonia some 6 mos. to a year after first letter
4. Why – Paul had been comforted by a letter from Titus. There was still a minority in the church that opposed Paul.

2. The Devices of Satan (2:11)

- A. Blind the minds of people (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Jno. 8:32; Acts 17:2-3; 19:8-9)
- B. Hooking people on the “things of the world” (Gen. 3:6; Matt. 4:1-11; 1 Jno. 2:15; James 4:4, 7)
- C. Persecuting those trying to do right (1 Pet. 5:8-9; 1 Thes. 3:1-5; James 1:2-4; Rom. 5:3-4; 1 Pet. 4:12-14, 19; 2 Thes. 1:4-8)
- D. Get people to enjoy evil company (1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20; 2 Cor. 6:14-16)
- E. Discourage people through “UnChristlike Christians” (2 Cor. 2:6-11; 2 Tim. 4:16-18; 3 Jno. 9-12)

3. We Do Not Lose Heart (4:1)

- A. Signs of losing heart (Lk. 18:1; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:17; 1 Tim. 2:8)
- B. Reasons some lose heart (Eph. 3:13; Matt. 13:20-21; 24:12; 1 Cor. 15:33)
- C. Secrets to not losing heart (2 Cor. 4:1; 3:15-18; 4:16; 4:8-9)

4. Mighty Weapons (10:3-5)

- A. Spiritual warfare
- B. Weapons in this warfare (Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12; Rom. 10:17; Jno. 20:30-31; Eph. 4:15; Gal. 5:22-23)

5. Examine Yourself (13:5)

- A. Why should we? (Heb. 2:1-4; 3:12-14; 1 Jno. 5:13; James 1:22-26)

B. By what standard? (2 Cor. 10:18; 1 Cor. 4:4; Acts 26:9-11; Matt. 7:21-23; 2 Cor. 10:12; Matt. 7:13-14)

C. Questions to help us examine ourselves (Gal. 3:27; Jno. 14:21; 8:31; 13:34-35; 1 Jno. 3:14-19; Jno. 15:8; Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 13:15; Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14; 2 Cor. 13:6; Phil. 3:7-17)