

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 135—2 Corinthians 6

Introduction: Having fully described his ministry, Paul now appeals to the Corinthians to treat him worthy of an apostle of the Lord. Once again he reiterates his sufferings for their sake, pleading with them to return his love and separate themselves from fellowship with unbelievers.

Lesson aim: To show the need to be separated from sin.

Paul urges the Corinthians not to receive God's grace in vain—2 Cor. 6:1-10

1. What did Paul urge the Corinthians not to do? (v. 1)
2. What passage did Paul quote to motivate them? (v. 2) What is God said to do in this passage? When did Paul say was the time to receive these blessings of God?
3. How would you describe how Paul approached his work of teaching? (v. 3)
4. What are some things he suffered? (v. 4-5)
5. In what spiritual qualities did Paul say he ministered? (v. 6-7)
6. In what ways was Paul's ministry a paradox (a seeming contradiction)? (v. 8-10)

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to return his love and keep themselves free from fellowship with unbelievers—2 Cor. 6:11-7:1

1. How did Paul describe the way he had spoken to and dealt with the Corinthians? (v. 11)
2. On what basis did Paul say the Corinthians were restrained in their response to him? (v. 12) What did he urge them to do?

3. What other command did Paul give to the Corinthians (v. 14) What do you think this means?
4. What things did Paul say had no partnership or fellowship with each other? (v. 14-16) Why did he say this?
5. What did Paul affirm that the church was? (v. 16) What O.T. text suggested this idea and how? (v. 16)
6. What promises did God make in the passage quoted by Paul? (v. 16-18)
7. The reception of these promises required that God's people do what? (v. 17)
8. What then did Paul urge the Corinthians to do? (7:1) What does it mean to "perfect holiness"?