

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

NT Survey Lesson 142—2 Corinthians 13

Introduction: Now as the letter draws to a close, Paul makes his appeal to the Corinthians to let his next visit to Corinth be a pleasant one. This could only be the case if some of the Corinthians correct the improper attitudes they had held toward Paul and the truth he taught.

Lesson aim: To show Paul's desire that the Corinthians repent and serve the Lord faithfully

Paul reveals the purposes for his “defense”—2 Cor. 12:19-13:10

1. Had Paul really been defending himself in all that he had previously said about his work and role as an apostle? (12:19) What was his purpose?
2. What did Paul fear he would find at Corinth when he arrived? (12:20) What did Paul fear this would cause him to have to do? (v. 21)
3. Paul's anticipated trip to Corinth would make how many? (13:1) Why do you suppose Paul mentions the OT requirement for witnesses in v. 1?
4. What threat did Paul utter in view the persistence of some of the Corinthians in sinning? (v. 2) The Corinthians would find in Paul's actions proof of what? (v. 3)
5. What admonition did Paul give? (v. 5) What did Paul hope the Corinthians would recognize about him? (v. 6)
6. Why did Paul want the Corinthians to do the right thing? (v. 7)
7. Was it possible that Paul do anything against the truth? (v. 8)
8. For what did Paul and his companions pray (v. 9)
9. Paul wrote the things that he did to the Corinthians for what purpose? (v. 10)

**Paul ends with a word of exhortation and blessing—2 Cor.
13:11-14**

1. List the five exhortations Paul gives in v. 11. What blessing does Paul promise?
2. How were the Corinthians encouraged to greet one another? (v. 12)
Who was sending greetings? (v. 13)
3. State Paul's final benediction (v. 14).