

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

# THE NEW TESTAMENT

## 2 CORINTHIANS



Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:22-28

### Introduction

- Paul visits Corinth and plants a church in [Acts 18].
- A prosperous, wealthy, but sinful city of 700,000 souls.
- Paul's writes 1 Corinthians to address the '*growing pains*' of the infant church.
- Some wouldn't divorce themselves from the sinful culture of the city.

### 1 Why A Second Letter?

- Eventually there was a favourable response to his first letter by a majority.
- A minority didn't accept his words and where now trying to discredit him.
- In this 2nd letter he defends himself and his ministry. [7:2].
- Letter divided into 13 chapters and 257 verses.
- Key verses: [5:10] and [12:9].

## 2 Themes In 2 Corinthians

### Four Mini Portraits Of A Believer:-

- They are a '**letter**' read by all men. [3:1-3].
- They are a '**mirror**' reflecting glory of Christ. [3:18]
- They are a '**vessel**' containing a treasure [4:7]
- They are an '**ambassador**' speaking for Christ and His Kingdom. [5:20].

## 3 A Cameo Of A Church Leader

- The **CALLING** of the leader [4:5].
- The **COURAGE** of the leader [4:1,8, 16].
- What **COMPELS** the leader [5:14].
- The **CARE** of the leader [7:12] and [8:16].

## 4 The Ministry Of Reconciliation. [5:18ff]

- Having been reconciled to God we are to display a ministry of reconciliation to others.

## 5 The Collection For The Poor. [Ch 8 & 9]

- Collective relief urged by Paul for the poverty stricken saints at Jerusalem.
- Paul uses Christ's example of forgoing His riches that we would become rich spiritually.
- He also shows the correct way to give. [9:7].

## 6 God's Overcoming Grace

- Paul reveals how he got through '*the trouble that came to us in Asia.*' [1:8].
- Despite telling us something of what he went through in [4:8-9] he magnifies the '**grace of God**' as being '**sufficient.**'

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