

**Lesson 11**  
**The Book of Second Corinthians**  
**Chronological Study of the New Testament**  
**Second Semester**

**Key Verse: We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” 5:20**

**PRAYER FOCUS: We are seeing that the Corinthian church looked much like the world. Pray that the Lord will reveal to you worldly areas of your life that need to be removed so that you will look more like a child of God.**

The city of Corinth hosted athletic events called the Isthmian games and musical competitions every two years. These games were in honor of Poseidon and were held in the spring of the year at his sanctuary on the Isthmus of Corinth. The victor’s prize was a crown of dry wild celery but was changed to a pine wreath in Roman times. Huge crowds traveled to Corinth for these events and the businessmen benefitted financially. The geographical location of Corinth was good for business in another way. Ship captains wanted to avoid the treacherous waters around the Peloponnesian Straits so they would enter Corinth from one port and transport their goods the short way across land to the other port and load them onto a different ship.

Let’s review Paul’s interaction with the church in Corinth. We learned that he started the church during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-11). He wrote them a letter which has been lost (1 Corinthians 5:9-11). During his third missionary journey while at Ephesus Paul wrote the letter we call First Corinthians. He made a painful visit to them from Ephesus to correct problems in the church (2 Corinthians 2:1). Just after this visit Paul sent another letter calling for them to repent (2 Corinthians 2:4-11 & 7:8). This letter was also lost, but scholars have named it the “severe letter”. Paul waited in Macedonia for Titus to return from Corinth with a report from the church. The report indicated that Paul’s letter was received warmly by the church in Corinth (2 Corinthians 7:5-16). Then Paul wrote another letter which we call Second Corinthians. He had Titus carry the letter to Corinth. Paul made a third visit to Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:14, 13:1; Acts 20:2).

The main purpose of this letter was to prepare the Corinthian church members for Paul’s next visit. Timothy was with Paul when he wrote this letter. In First Corinthians we learned that the church had several problems; divisions in the church, continuing immoral practices, pride related to Spiritual gifts, legalism concerning dietary laws, abuse of the Lord’s Supper, and misguided teaching regarding the resurrection. Second Corinthians was a more personal letter from Paul to the church members.

**Day One:**  
**Read Second Corinthians 1 & 2**

1. How did Paul’s afflictions offer comfort to others? 1:3-7 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What helped Paul endure his troubles in Asia? 1:8- 11 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was Paul's advice about forgiveness? 2:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How could Satan take advantage of the church's unwillingness to forgive? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How was Paul the fragrance of Christ to those being saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ How are we the fragrance of Christ to God?

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**Day Two:**

**Read Second Corinthians 3 & 4**

1. Where do we get our confidence? 3:4 & 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How was the ministry of the Spirit different from the ministry of the law? 3:7 – 11

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3. Why did Moses veil his face? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why was Israel still veiled when reading the Old Covenant? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is the veil of our hearts removed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What makes unbelievers blind? 4:3 & 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 How were we given sight? 4:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What prevents us from losing heart? 4:13-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Describe a time when you focused on the temporal instead of the eternal.

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**Day Three:**  
**Read Second Corinthians 5:1 – 15; 6:3-18**

1. What is our earthly tent? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What will happen to it? \_\_\_\_\_  
 When? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is our guarantee? 5:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What should be our goal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Why? 5:6-10, 15 \_\_\_\_\_

3. What were some of the hardships Paul suffered? 6:3-7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. List the positive and negative aspects of ministry. 6:8-11

Positive	Negative
Glory	Dishonor

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5. What was Paul's admonition? 6:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
Where is God's temple? 6:16 \_\_\_\_\_

❖ What is in your daily life that could be considered an unequal yoke?

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**Day Four:**

**Read Second Corinthians 7:6-13; 10:4 & 5, 12 & 13**

1. What was the message Titus brought to Paul from Corinth? \_\_\_\_\_

How did it affect Paul? 7:6 -9 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is Godly sorrow? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Godly sorrow produce? 7:8-13 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What are our weapons in Spiritual warfare? 10:4 \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How are we do deal with our thoughts? 10:5 \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ How are we to measure ourselves?

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**Read Second Corinthians Chapter 13**

1. What were the Corinthians seeking? 13:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why should we examine ourselves? 13:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How do you know that you are in the faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What blessing is attached to those who “live in peace”? 13:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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