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II Corinthians 23 May 1976 young adult class PV 1st word 2nd Hall

1. Irregularities in doctrines & morals, announced that Timothy would visit the church in Corinth.
2. First letter sent by sea (shorter route) by Titus. Titus given duty of organizing the collection. Success granted to Macedonians ↗ brought bad news.
3. Macedonia / Achaia
4. Map - Paul's original plan: By sea Ephesus to Corinth then overlaid to Macedonia then back to Corinth + by sea to Judea.  
Actual → Ephesus to Troas to Philippi
5. Titus carried 2nd epistle to Corinthians. Paul attempted to calm saints by answering charges against him, instructing them, and admonishing them to righteousness.

Q. a. How did saints react to Paul's change in itinerary? 2 Cor 1:17-18  
thought Paul willfully changed it - Took offence at it

- b. What reasons did Paul give for change in plans? 2 Cor 1:24
- i. 1:23 wanted to avoid hurting them for their sins
  - ii 1:24 did not want them to think he was denouncing them
  - iii 2:3 did not want to be saddened by sins of those he loved so much.

c. The Judizers ← 5th column in church - Came with letters of recommendation from Jerusalem. Became a Jew, then a Christian.

a. They were Hebrews b. called themselves apostles, & ministers of Christ c. Taught another gospel d. inculcated another spirit e. preached another Jesus

b. Paul called them i false apostles ii deceitful workers  
iii ministers of Satan ~~is~~

c. pointed to Paul's refusal of sustenance as a proof of his lack of authority & denounced Paul as a false apostle, declared he (Paul) was afraid to exercise his authority that he boasted of in his letters.

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6 c could. charged Paul with cheating his converts, said he was puffed up with vanity, and called him a fool.

d- Judaiizers called themselves "christ's men" & gloried in their connection with those who had actually seen the Lord. - Modern day must apostles have a personal visit from Christ? (David B Haight last Conf. talk)

e. Corinth saints infatuated with new leaders & submitted <sup>selves</sup> to be victimized by these intruders (brought into bondage, devoured, robbed, struck in the face. (D+C. give a man a little authority)

Q 2 Cor 3:1-3 what do you think Paul is referring to in verse 3 when he contrasts tables of stone to the heart?

Read Jeremiah 31:33 ; Exodus 24:12

↳ heart

↳ stone

- f. "the letter killith" 2 Cor 3:6
- g. "shining face of nurses" 2 Cor 3:7-18
- h. 2 Cor 3:17 "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"
- i. 2 Cor 4:4 "the God of this world"
- j. 2 Cor 7:10 "Godly sorrow"
- k. 2 Cor 11:14 "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light"
- l. 2 Cor 12:7 "thorn in the flesh"
- 7- 2 Cor 11:16-18 Paul takes on himself the role of a boaster as is the fashion for some vain people of Corinth

Synopsis of 2 Cor. (as per Anselow)

(A) Ch 1-9 The thankful letter

Intro 1<sup>1-11</sup> Salutation + Thanksgiving

I 1<sup>12-7<sup>16</sup></sup> Thoughts suggested by the recent crisis

(a) ~~1<sup>12-16</sup>~~ 1<sup>12-22</sup> The sincerity of Paul's intention to visit Cor.

(b) 2<sup>3-13</sup> The object & result of the severe letter

(c) 2<sup>14-5<sup>19</sup></sup> Glory, comfort & inspiration of the ministry

(i) 2<sup>14-3<sup>6</sup></sup> Paul's true letter of recommendation

(ii) 3<sup>7-4<sup>6</sup></sup> Glory of the Gospel

(iii) 4<sup>7-5<sup>10</sup></sup> Sources of Paul's comfort

(iv) 5<sup>11-19</sup> The love of Christ his inspiration

(d) 5<sup>20-7<sup>1</sup></sup> Appeal for purity of life

(e) 7<sup>2-16</sup> Paul's joy in Corinthians repentance

II 8<sup>1-9<sup>15</sup></sup> Collection for poor in Jerusalem

(a) 8<sup>1-9</sup> Example Macedonia Churches

(b) 8<sup>10-24</sup> Principles of Christian liberality

(c) 9<sup>1-15</sup> Exhortations to generous giving

(B) Chs 10-13 The severe letter. Paul's defence of his ministry

(a) 10<sup>1-18</sup> answer to charge of feebleness & cowardice

(b) 11<sup>1-15</sup> defence of his gospel & independence

(c) 11<sup>16-12<sup>18</sup></sup> The evidence of his apostleship in service and suffering

(d) 12<sup>19-13<sup>10</sup></sup> warnings against evil & exhortations to holiness

(e) 13<sup>11-14</sup> conclusion & benediction