AUTHOR: Paul
TIME WRITTEN: 57 A.D. from Ephesus
POSITION IN THE BIBLE:
• 47th Book in the Bible
• 8th Book in the New Testament
• 3rd of 21 Epistle Books
  (Romans - Jude)
• 4th of Paul's 13 books
• 19 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 13
VERSES: 257
WORDS: 6,092

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 CORINTHIANS:
■ Paul established the church in Corinth on his second missionary journey.
■ Two of Paul’s letters are written to the church at Corinth.
  • 1 Corinthians
  • 2 Corinthians
■ After 1 Corinthians had been received the church in Corinth, false teachers had entered in and stirred the people up against Paul. They claimed he was:
  • Fickle
  • Proud
  • Unimpressive in appearance
  • Unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ
■ Paul penned 2 Corinthians in order to:
  • Express his thanksgiving for the repentant attitude that resulted from their having received 1 Corinthians.
  • To appeal to the rebellious members among them to accept his authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
■ Titus and another brother carried 2 Corinthians to the church at Corinth.

■ When Paul made his third trip to Corinth, he wrote the Roman letter to the brethren in Rome.
■ 2 Corinthians 8-9 is the longest discussion of the principles and practice of giving found in the New Testament.
■ The city of Corinth:
  • After Corinth was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C., the city was rebuilt by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C.
  • The capital of Achaia.
  • Its official language was Latin.
  • It common language was Greek.
  • In Paul's day the population was about 7000,000 people.
  • ⅔ of the population were slaves.
  • Was filled with shrines and temples.
  • Temple of Aphrodite, located on top of the 1,800 foot tall promontory called the Acrocorinthus, had some 1,000 temple prostitutes.
■ To “act like a Corinthian” became a synonym for debauchery and prostitution.

“You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men.”
2 Corinthians 3:2

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