

II Corinthians #1

Chapter 1

- 1) Who were the two writers in this letter?
- 2) Was it written to the believers of Corinth only?
- 3) In verse 3 the Lord is referred to as "...the Father of _____ and the God of all _____."
- 4) How many times is "comfort" mentioned in verses 3-6?
- 5) Who is our main source of comfort?
- 6) If we have been comforted, how does that help us when we are dealing with others who need comfort?
- 7) Which person do you think is the most effective in giving comfort to someone who is going through difficulties? (choose one)
 - a) A person who can calmly point the way to God
 - b) Another Christian who has been through the same thing and has found God to be faithful in the midst of their trials
- 8) For a faithful Christian, what goes right along with suffering? (vss 5-7)
- 9) What phrase shows just how bad it was for Paul and Timothy in Asia?
- 10) "Indeed, we had the _____ of death within ourselves in order that we should not _____ in ourselves, but in God who _____."
- 11) Does it sound like Paul and Timothy thought they were going to be killed?
- 12) Match these:

Past	"and He will yet deliver us"
Present	"who delivered us from so great a peril of death"
Future	"and will deliver us (now)"
- 13) How did Paul and Timothy say the Corinthians could help them?
- 14) Which is more important? Being really smart (wise) or having holiness and godly sincerity?
- 15) As believers, should we be proud of one another according to verse 14?
- 16) In verses 17-20, does it sound like Christianity is just a list of "No's—don't do this and don't do that."?
- 17) What are some of the yes's in the Christian life? -"the _____ of God."
- 18) Why are we given the Spirit?
- 19) Paul said: "for in your faith you are standing firm." Is that true of you?

Chapter 2

- 1) In verse 3, Paul talks about how he had previously written them in great anguish of soul. What is he talking about? (hint-see I Corinthians 5:1-5)
- 2) In verses 6 & 7, it seems like the one who had been living in sin had repented. What did Paul tell the believers to do in response to his repentance? (choose one)
 - a) Keep away from him and never trust him again
 - b) Forgive him and reaffirm their love for them
 - c) Make sure he never comes back to their fellowship
- 3) If we refuse to forgive someone, what can be the result? (vs 7)
- 4) Are we supposed to be ignorant of Satan's schemes?
- 5) Do you think that one of Satan's schemes is to make us unwilling to forgive?
- 6) When Paul was ministering in Troas, he really missed having _____ with him.
- 7) "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His _____ in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet _____ of the knowledge of Him in every place."
- 8) After great victorious battles, the Roman generals were given a victory parade called a "triumph." The general would lead his victorious through the city. If He always leads us in the triumph, does it sound like we are winning or losing the battle?
- 9) "For we are a _____ of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing";
- 10) Do we have an affect on the people around us?
- 11) A peddler is a retailer, a salesman and sometimes a huckster. Are we supposed to be smooth talking salesmen who try to use the church as a business to get rich?
- 12) Do you think there are a lot of people who are "peddling" the Word of God today?

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Chapter 3

- 1) Did Paul and Timothy need letters of introduction, or did they know the people in the church of Corinth well?
- 2) “You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and _____; 3 being manifested that you are a _____ of _____, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of _____.”
- 3) Can people clearly read a message from your life?
- 4) If you are a letter of Christ, what kind of message is that letter sharing?
- 5) Where does our adequacy (ability to be what God wants us to be) come from?
- 6) What do you think verse 6 means?
 - a) Trying to live your life by strict codes won't make you righteous
 - b) If you want to do the right thing, you won't have to force yourself to obey
- 7) The ministry of death-letters written on stone is referring to:
 - a) The Code of Hammurabi
 - b) The 10 Commandments given to Moses
 - c) The Martian Colonies Rules of Conduct
- 8) Will following the commandments of the Old Testament give life?
- 9) The story of how Moses' face used to shine after he was with the Lord is found in Exodus 34:28-35. Did his face keep it's radiance?
- 10) Do you ever feel different when you are experiencing a closeness with God?
- 11) Does it last?
- 12) What is the only way to keep that glow from fading away?
- 13) Do most Jews understand the Old Testament, or do they still have a veil over their hearts?
- 14) According to verse 16, how can that veil be taken away?
- 15) What does it mean by seeing in a mirror the glory of the Lord?
 - a) We are to be changing and becoming like Him
 - b) We can see the Spirit of God standing behind us if we look in a mirror
- 16) When you look at yourself honestly in the mirror these days, do you feel like you are changing to be more like Jesus Christ?

Chapter 4

- 1) Are we supposed to fool people into thinking that we are more spiritual or godly than we really are?
- 2) “And even if our _____ is _____, it is veiled to those who are _____ in whose case the god of this world has _____ the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the _____ of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
- 3) Do people easily understand the gospel?
- 4) Why can't they see it if it is so simple?
- 5) Where will the light that will penetrate people's darkness come from, according to verse 6?
- 6) Are you being a light for people?
- 7) What are the earthen vessels spoken of in verse 7?
- 8) How can we be what we are supposed to be when we know we are weak and sinful?
- 9) “But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I _____, therefore I _____,’ we also believe, therefore also we _____;”
- 10) If we truly believe, we should _____ to others about our faith.
- 11) In what way, did the one who is responsible for raising us from the dead, prove that he could do it?
- 12) What does giving thanks accomplish?
- 13) Put verse 16 into your own words.
- 14) “While we _____ not at the things which are _____, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are _____ are temporal, but the things which are not seen are _____.”
- 15) “Temporal” sounds like a form of what other word? a) Temptation b) Temporary c) Temperature
- 16) Is it easy to keep in mind that the things we see in this world are temporary?

II Corinthians #3

Chapter 5

- 16) What does our “earthly tent” refer to?
- 17) There are several religious groups that tell us that we do not go to heaven but will always be on the earth. Where does the Scripture say that our “house not made with hands” (new body) is located?
- 18) What do you think verse 4 means?
- 19) A “pledge” is a guarantee. What guarantee do we have that we will one day have a new body in heaven?
- 20) “For we _____ by _____, not by _____.”
- 21) What is our main ambition?
- 22) What is the judgment called where all the believers appear before God to give an account?
- 23) Does it make any difference whether our deeds are *good* or *bad*?
- 24) Since we have the Spirit as a guarantee, can this judgment possibly mean that we can go to hell?
- 25) “Therefore knowing the _____ of the Lord, we persuade men.” Does this make it sound like appearing before the *all powerful God of the universe* will be no big deal?
- 26) What is supposed to control us? _____ What usually controls us?
- 27) “He _____ for all, that they who live should no longer live for _____, but for _____ who died and rose again on their behalf.”
- 28) Verse 15 is one of the most convicting verses in the Bible. According to this verse, what is one very important reason that Christ died for us?
- 29) Are you the same after you are *saved* (in Christ)?
- 30) Reconciliation is bringing two parties together to resolve their differences. People are separated from God. Who did God give the “ministry (work) of reconciliation” to?
- 31) In order to do this, God “has committed to us the _____ of reconciliation.”
- 32) What do ambassadors do?
- 33) This is talking about whom? “He made Him (_____) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (_____).”
- 34) In other words: Jesus takes our _____ and gives us His _____ to enter heaven.

Chapter 6

- 17) In this *ministry of reconciliation*, who do we work with?
- 18) When is the right time to be saved and when is the day of salvation?
 - a) When you are fully ready
 - b) Some time later
 - c) When you are old enough to understand everything
 - d) Now
 - e) When you have all of your questions and doubt answered
- 19) Why should you always be careful not to offend people?
- 20) What ministry is he talking about that might be discredited? (hint-see II Cor. 5:18)
- 21) In verses 8 & 9, does it sound like everybody understood what Paul and timothy were trying to do?
- 22) If you are poor, how can you make someone else rich?
- 23) “Do not be bound together with _____; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer _____ with an unbeliever?”
- 24) According to verse 17, what change are we supposed to make in our lives when we are saved?
- 25) Does this mean that we abandon all of our friends? Of course not! We have the ministry to reconcile them (bring them back) to God. There is, however, one way we are to separate ourselves that is found in the following phrase: “And do not _____ what is _____; and I will welcome you.”
- 26) What do you think that phrase means?
- 27) If you are trying to stop sinning, will that sometimes separate you from other people?
- 28) Let’s ask the Lord to help us carry out this great new “*ministry of reconciliation*” (bringing people back to God)

II Corinthians #4

Chapter 7

- 1) What promises are being referred to in verse 1?
- 2) When it tells us to cleanse ourselves, can we do that without God's help?
- 3) Some people say we are not involved in the changes and that God does it all without us. Does it sound that way to you?
- 4) Does verse 5 make it sound like it was easy for Paul and Timothy to serve the Lord?
- 5) "But God, who comforts the _____, comforted us by the coming of _____;"
- 6) In verses 8 & 9, Paul is talking about the previous letter he had written telling them to deal with some sin that they had in their church. (see I Cor. 5:1-7) Does it sound like they took his previous instructions seriously?
- 7) "I now rejoice, not that you were made _____, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of _____."
- 8) Repentance means "a change of mind." What do you think it means to be sorrowful to the point of repentance?
- 9) Verse 10 shows us that "the sorrow that is according to the _____ of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to _____; but the sorrow of the world produces death."
- 10) Even though the Corinthians had a lot of problems, does it sound like Paul was ashamed of them according to verse 14?

Chapter 8

- 1) The churches of Macedonia were experiencing deep poverty. Did this stop them from giving to help others?
- 2) The churches of Macedonia considered giving in support of the saints to be: (choose one)
a) A command b) A duty c) A favor d) An option
- 3) What did the believers do before they ***gave*** their money in verse 5?
- 4) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was _____, yet for your sake He became _____, that you through His _____ might become rich."
- 5) In verses 10 & 11, it sounds like the Corinthians had a hard time finishing the same things they started. Do you ever have that problem?
- 6) "For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a man _____, not according to what he _____."
- 7) Does God expect you to give more than you can?
- 8) Put into your own words what the Lord is telling us about ***giving*** in verses 13-15.

- 9) Should we be ashamed when we have needs?
- 10) Should we ever hesitate to help other Christians who are in need?
- 11) Which category from verse 15, do you think most Christians in the US fall into?
a) "Those who gathered much" b) "Those who gathered little"
- 12) Titus took a brother with him. What was this brother famous for? (hint-you probably have read something he wrote)
- 13) In verses 20 & 21, Paul talks about handling the money that they were supposed to be giving to the poor. Considering these two verses, would you find the following statement to be "true" or "false"?
It doesn't matter if people think you are mishandling the money of the church as long as you know that what you are doing is OK.
- 14) Is it possible to show people proof of your love for them?
- 15) Are you giving to the Lord as you should?

II Corinthians #5

Chapter 9

- 11) Read verses 1-5. What was Paul bragging about to the Macedonians? (choose one)
 - a) That the Corinthians were really gifted as a church
 - b) That the Corinthians were going to give a gift to help the needy saints
 - c) That Corinth had the best church softball team in Asia
- 12) What did Paul do in verse 5 to make sure that he wouldn't be embarrassed?
- 13) People often say they will do things but do not follow through. Were people any different in the days of the early church?
- 14) "Now this I say, he who _____ sparingly shall also _____ sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap _____."
- 15) Will you receive more blessing from the Lord if you are faithful to give to those who have need?
- 16) What are some ways that you can give some of your money to the Lord?
- 17) Should you feel forced to give to the Lord's work?
- 18) Should anyone else be the one to tell you how much you should give?
- 19) What *kind* of "giver" does the Lord love?
- 20) What do you think it means to be a cheerful giver?
- 21) Has God promised to provide enough for us to give?
- 22) When we are faithful to give, what does that produce, according to verses 11 & 12?
- 23) "Thanks be to God for His _____"!
- 24) What do you think is God's indescribable gift?

Chapter 10

- 3) How are we supposed to treat people?
 - a) Forcefully tell it like it is without regard for feelings
 - b) Be meek (humble) and gentle
 - c) Let people do whatever they want (don't get involved)
- 2) "For though we _____ in the flesh, we do not _____ according to the flesh,"
- 3) When Paul refers to the weapons of our warfare, does it sound like we are in a serious spiritual battle?
- 4) In our spiritual battle, what captives are we to take?
- 5) Is it possible to take a "thought" captive?
- 6) Do you ever find yourself thinking of something, and then all of a sudden thinking, "Hey, I shouldn't be thinking about this."?
- 7) That's what it means to take a thought captive. Can we always control what pops into our mind?
- 8) Can we control what stays there? (hint-see Jeremiah 4:14)
- 9) What did people say about Paul's letters?
- 10) What did they say about his personal presence?
- 11) What did they say about the way he talked?
- 12) Does it sound like Paul was a very good speaker?
- 13) What does verse 12 say about those who compare themselves to others?
- 14) Who was the first to bring the gospel to the Corinthians?
- 15) Is it ever right to brag or boast?
- 16) What can you boast about?
- 17) Do you believe that God can use you to reach and help other people even if you are not very impressive in appearance and even if you don't know how to say things very well?
- 18) If the Lord does use you, should you brag as if you are the one who is doing it, or should you give the glory to the Lord for using you?

II Corinthians #6

Chapter 11

- 25) Is it Ok to be jealous about someone being drawn away from the Lord?
- 26) Spiritually, what is our relationship to Christ compared with?
- 27) "But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the _____ and _____ of devotion to Christ."
- 28) According to verse 3, will Satan's schemes to tempt us to be unfaithful to Christ be obvious?
- 29) If someone preaches about Jesus, the Spirit, and the gospel, does that mean he is talking about the same Jesus, Spirit, and gospel Paul taught us about?
- 30) Does it sound like you had better be careful whose teaching you listen to?
- 31) Was Paul a skilled speaker?
- 32) Should you prefer to listen to a skilled speaker or a knowledgeable teacher?
- 33) What do you think verses 7 & 8 mean?
- 34) Who supported (supplied the needs of) Paul when he was preaching in Corinth?
- 35) Are you supporting anyone who is ministering for the Lord?
- 36) According to verse 13, are a lot of preachers and teachers fakes?
- 37) How does Satan sometimes disguise himself?
- 38) What do many people who claim to have a "near death experience" say that they see at that time?
- 39) What do Satan's servants disguise themselves as ?
- 40) If a church leader does a lot of good things but teaches people that salvation comes through doing good things, is he/she..... a) God's servant b) Satan's servant
- 41) According to verses 19 & 20, does it sound like the Corinthians had been allowing false teachers to take advantage of them?
- 42) The Old Testament allows for giving criminals forty lashes with the whip. The Jews were so careful to keep the law that they would only give 39 lashes. How many times did the Jews beat Paul like this?
- 43) Do you think these Jewish leaders should have been thinking more about whether or not the man they were beating was guilty of wrong doing, or more about whether they were accurately abiding by the proper rules of punishment?
- 44) "_____ times I was beaten with _____, once I was stoned, _____ times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep."
- 45) What did Paul say (in verse 28) was a bigger burden than all of the physical things he had been through?
- 46) Sounds like we need to pray for our church leaders, doesn't it?
- 47) How did Paul escape those who were trying to kill him in Damascus?

Chapter 12:1-9

- 4) Does boasting do much good?
- 5) "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a man was caught up to the _____. And I know how such a man-- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows-- was caught up into Paradise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak."
- 6) According to these verses, where is Paradise now?
- 7) Does Paul tell us everything he heard in heaven?
- 8) Why was Paul given a "thorn in the flesh"?
- 9) Do we sometimes have a tendency to think of ourselves as something special when God uses us?
- 10) Satan was trying to hurt Paul's ministry. Can God use Satan's attacks for His own purposes?
- 11) Did Paul ask for this "thorn in the flesh" to be removed?
- 12) Does God always give us what we ask for?
- 13) "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for _____ is perfected in _____.'"

II Corinthians #7

Chapter 12:10-21

- 48) When did Paul say he was strong?
- 49) Can you be strong on your own?
- 50) What do you think Paul means by this phrase: "When I am weak, then I am strong."?

- 51) "I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am _____."
- 52) Was Paul more special than you or I?
- 53) What were some of the signs of being an "apostle"?
- 54) Do you see anyone performing those kinds of things today?
- 55) "Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you; for _____ are not responsible to save up for their parents, but _____ for their children."
- 56) Does this mean that we are not responsible to take care of our elderly parents? (hint-see I Timothy 5:8)
- 57) In our physical families, the parents usually pay for everything while the children are growing up. In our spiritual family, should we be willing to pay for ministry to newborn Christians who need extra care?
- 58) Were Paul and Titus careful not to take advantage of the young church in Corinth?
- 59) What was Paul afraid he was going to find in the church at Corinth when he arrived there?
- 60) Are any of those things going on in your church?
- 61) We still have a lot of problems and need these passages for help, don't we?

Chapter 13

- 14) In a Jewish court, was the testimony of only one witness enough to convict someone? (hint-see Numbers 35:30)
- 15) Was Paul Ok with Christians who had been warned but kept on sinning?
- 16) "_____ yourselves to see if you are _____; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you _____ the test?"
- 17) How long does eternal life last?
- 18) Can you lose your salvation?
- 19) So, if you have eternal life, you cannot lose it because it is eternal, so if you test yourself, you will see whether are not you are "_____?"
- 20) Salvation is so important that we need to be sure that we have made the one time decision to trust Christ as our Savior. There may be things in your life that will reveal to you that you have never truly made that decision. Are you sure you have made the decision to believe in Jesus Christ as your only hope for eternal life?
- 21) What is Paul praying for in verse 9?
- 22) What do you think being "made complete" means?
- 23) Was Paul more forceful with the believers when he was writing to them or when he was with them?
- 24) Do we have more time to digest a letter, or a statement from someone we are speaking to?
- 25) Should we generally have gentleness when we deal with people face to face?
- 26) How did believers greet one another in those days?
- 27) In verse 14, Paul wanted the believers to have three things:
 - a. The _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - b. The _____ of God
 - c. The _____ of the Holy Spirit
- 28) Many people say that you cannot find evidence of the Trinity (God's existence in three persons— Father, Son and Spirit) in the bible. Which parts of the Trinity do you find in verse 14?
- 16) Did you enjoy the book of II Corinthians?