

December 4/Day 338

2 Corinthians 1

- This is Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth.

Verses 1-2

- Who is with Paul as he writes this letter?

Verses 3-7

- What are we told about God in this passage?
- What does He do for us and how will this affect those with whom we come into contact?
- What is the purpose of affliction and suffering?

Verses 8-11

- How did Paul say suffering hardships made him feel sometimes?
- Where do believers set our hope?
- How can we help others in ministry according to verse 11?

Verses 12-14

- Has Paul written about godly wisdom to this church before?

Verses 15-22

- Do you remember by what other name Silvanus is known?
- What has God done with us according to verses 21 and 22?

Verses 23-24

- Did Paul make it back to Corinth?

2 Corinthians 2

Verses 1-4

- In what way had Paul made them sorrowful?

Verses 5-11

- What advantage might Satan have had if Paul had not called them on the carpet about the ongoing immorality (1 Corinthians)?

Verses 12-17

- Paul is describing the leading of the Spirit in regard to his ministry. Is this an important aspect to ministry?
- What does he tell us about aroma and fragrance?
- What were many doing in verse 17?

2 Corinthians 3

Verses 1-3

- In what way are the believers in Corinth a letter of commendation for Paul?
- What contrast is made between stone and human hearts? What would the stone tablets be?

Verses 4-6

- From where does our adequacy for ministry come?
- Of what are we servants?
- How does the new covenant differ from the old covenant?

Verses 7-11

- The old covenant or the law is the ministry of death and the ministry of condemnation. It is obsolete (Hebrews 8:13, Remember, it was the law's job to lead us to Christ. Once there, we are no longer under this tutor. It is written on our hearts.) and is fading away.
- The new covenant is the ministry of the Spirit and the ministry of righteousness. It remains.

Verses 12-18

- What hope do we have?
- Moses represents the law. What did he put over his face and why?
- What remains over the heart of those whose minds are hardened?
- When is it removed or taken away?
- Is verse 17 a patriotic verse? What does it mean in its context here contrasting the old and new covenants?

2 Corinthians 4

Verses 1-6

- Why are some things hidden? (Those things which cause our minds to be hardened; denial, not living in the light).
- To whom is the gospel veiled?
- Why are they perishing? (Perish means to be separated from God.)

Verses 7-12

- Describe Paul's life as a believer living in the light.

Verses 13-15

- What was grace doing?

Verses 16-18

- Describe the contrast between the outer man and the inner man.
- What term does Paul use to describe the afflictions and sufferings of a believer?
- What is its purpose?
- Describe the contrast between the temporal (temporary) and the eternal (everlasting).

See you tomorrow.