

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

After receiving Paul's first letter, the Corinthian church was swayed by _____ teachers who stirred the people against Paul (11:13-15). After a brief visit and a follow-up letter (now lost), Paul sends this second epistle after hearing Titus' _____ report.

Who wrote it? _____ is the writer of this epistle. Paul wrote this letter to express his thanksgiving for the repentant majority and to appeal to the rebellious minority to accept his authority.

Date of writing: _____ **Timing of events is as follows:**

- 1 Corinthians is delivered by Timothy.
- Paul visits Corinth (1 Cor. 16:5; 2 Cor. 2:1)
- Lost letter by Paul sent to Corinthian church (2 Cor. 2:4-11; 7:8)
- Titus gives report on Corinth (2 Cor. 7:5-13)
- Paul wrote 2 Corinthians about six months after he wrote 1 Corinthians.

Key Term: _____: Of all Paul's letters, this is the most personal and the most _____. In it Paul mounted a defense ("apology" in the good sense) of his apostolic authority and ministry.

Location of Events: Paul wrote 1 Corinthians while in _____ (2:12, 13).

- Book Outline:**
- I. Paul's Explanation of His _____ (1-7:16)
 - Paul's Change of Plans (1:1-2:13)
 - Paul's Philosophy of Ministry (2:14-6:10)
 - Paul's Exhortations to the Corinthians (6:11-7:16)
 - II. Paul's _____ for the Saints (8:1-9:15)
 - Example of the Macedonians (8:1-6)
 - Exhortation to the Corinthians (8:7-9:15)
 - III. Paul's Vindication of His _____ (10:1-13:14)
 - Paul Answers His Accusers (10:1-18)
 - Paul Defends His Apostleship (11:1-12:13)
 - Paul Announces His Upcoming Visit (12:14-13:10)
 - Conclusion (13:11-14)

Summary in one sentence: True Christian ministry, although it may have to be defended against false _____, is commissioned by _____ and empowered by His Spirit.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *Paul* – acts not according to worldly wisdom but according to God’s _____; *The Corinthian Church* – many repent; some remain rebellious; *Timothy* – Listed with Paul as a sender of the second letter to Corinth (1:1); _____, *Timothy* – also preached the gospel to the Corinthians (1:19); *Titus* – returned from a visit to Corinth spiritually refreshed; *False prophets* – preach a different _____ to the people; *The governor of Damascus* – tries to arrest Paul but fails (11:32, 33)

Verse to Remember: “*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a _____ creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*”
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. 2 Corinthians 8-9 is the longest discussion of the principles and practice of _____ found in the New Testament.
 2. After 1 Corinthians had been received by the church in Corinth, false teachers had entered in and stirred the people up against Paul. They claimed he was:
 - _____ (2 Cor. 1:17)
 - Proud (2 Cor. 5:11-13)
 - Unimpressive in appearance (2 Cor. 10:7-11)
 - Unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 7:2; 10:2)

What is my take away? The church must learn to _____ to the authority that God has appointed, and not yield to seducing _____. (Heb. 13:7; Romans 13:1, 2)