

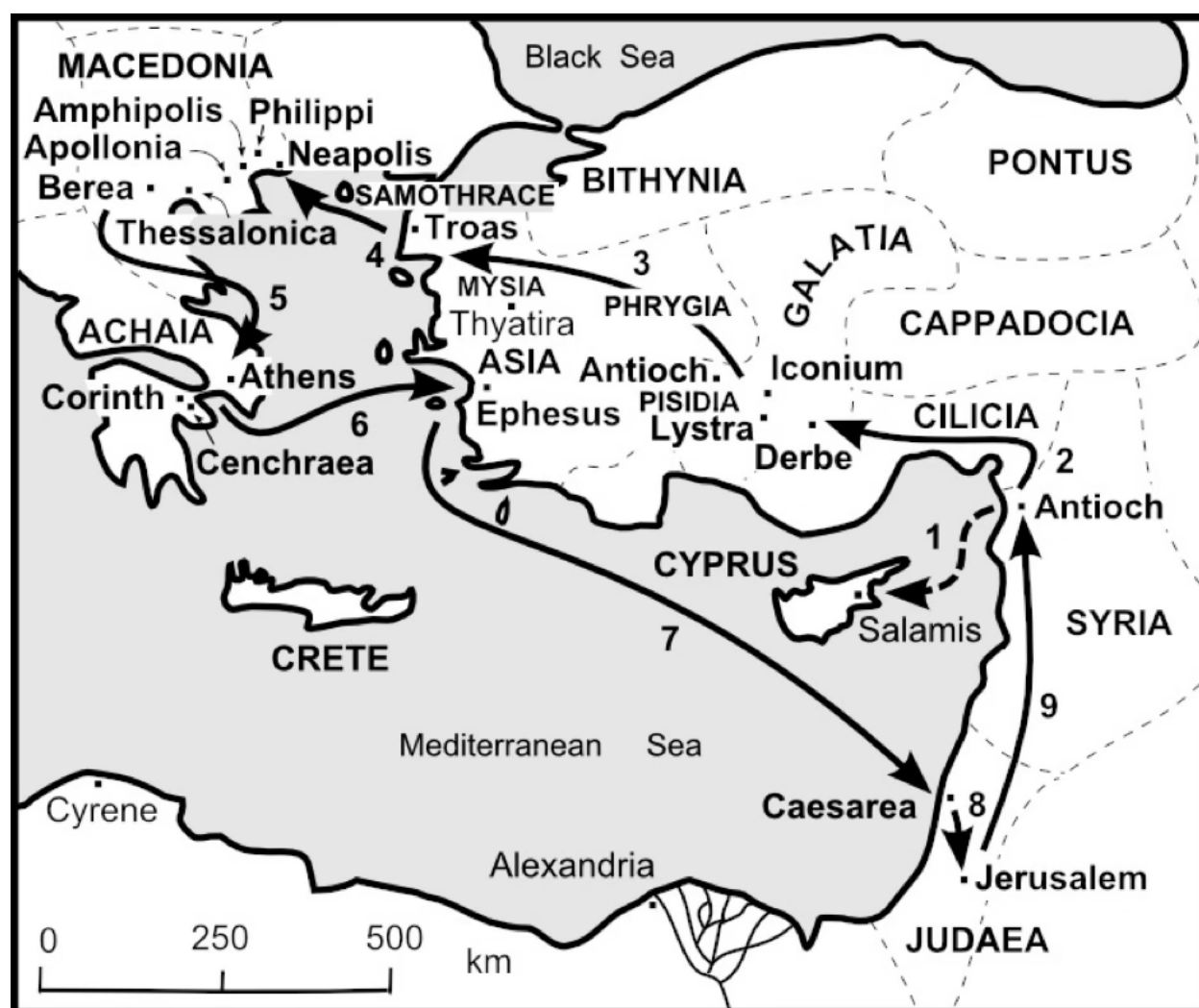
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MAP OF PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

1 CORINTHIANS RECAP AND INTRO TO 2 CORINTHIANS

A) Author - Paul **1 Cor. 1:1**, “Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God...”. **2 Cor. 2:1**, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God...”.

B) City of Corinth -

C) Paul’s association with Corinth -

D) Key verse - 1 Corinthians 1:10, “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

Outline of 1 Corinthians - The Problems at Corinth

- I. Salutation.....1:1-9
- II. Reply to Report from “house of Chloe”.....1:10-6:20
 - Party Strife.....1:10-3:23
 - Defense of Paul’s Ministry.....4:1-21
 - Criticism of Immorality.....5:1-13
 - Criticism of Lawsuits.....6:1-11
 - Reply to Libertinism.....6:12-20
- III. Reply to Questions in Letter.....7:1-16:9
 - Marriage.....7:1-24
 - Virgins.....7:25-40
 - Things Sacrificed to Idols.....8:1-11:1
 - Evaluated by the idol.....8:1-13
 - Evaluated by freedman.....9:1-27
 - Evaluated by relation to God.....10:1-22
 - Evaluated by relation to others.....10:23-11:1

Problems of Worship.....	11:2-34
The covering of the head.....	11:2-16
The Lord's table.....	11:17-34
Spiritual Gifts.....	12:1-14:40
The Resurrection of the Body.....	15:1-58
The Collection.....	16:1-9
IV. Concluding Salutation.....	16:10-24

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

Outline of 2 Corinthians: The Epistle of Paul's Ministry

I. Salutation.....	1:1-2
II. Explanation of Personal Conduct.....	1:3-2:13
III. The Defense of the Ministry.....	2:14-7:4
The Nature of the Ministry.....	2:14-3:18
The Sincerity of the Ministry.....	4:1-6
The Perseverance of the Ministry.....	4:7-15
The Prospect of the Ministry.....	4:16-5:10
The Sanctions of the Ministry.....	5:11-19
The Example of the Ministry.....	5:20-6:10
The Appeal of the Ministry.....	6:11-7:4
IV. Comments of the Effects of Letter.....	7:5-16
V. The Grace of Giving.....	8:1-9:15
VI. Personal Defense.....	10:1-12:13
VII. Preparation for Visit.....	12:14-13:10
VIII. Concluding Salutation.....	13:11-14

(The above outlines are by Merrill C. Tenney, *New Testament Survey*)

F) Content of 1 Corinthians -

G) Content of 2 Corinthians -

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Paul Sends a Letter of Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1 – 2:13

Introduction: Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, is writing a second letter to the Christians in Corinth in response to their response to his first letter. His first letter was a severe rebuke and exhortation to correct an abundance of problems in the body there. In 2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 13-15 Titus brings him good word of his reception and the corrections made. In this, his second letter, Paul wanted to convey comfort, forgiveness, and love for the congregation there and to encourage full fellowship between the body there and the offender in the first epistle. Since this letter, as all others in the Word are inspired, we find “Comfort” as an important part of a Christian’s life. We see nine ways Paul includes “Comfort” in this epistle.

Paul encourages comfort in...

- I. The Familiar (1:1-2)
- II. Describing and Characterizing God the Father (1:3-4)
- III. Sufferings, Tribulations & Consolations (1:5-7)
- IV. Delivery from Suffering (1:8-11)

V. Confirmation & Sincerity (1:12-14)

VI. Confidence in God and the Word. (1:15-22)

VII. Knowledge and Joy of faith (1:23-24)

VIII. Forgiveness and Love (2:1-11)

IX. Endurance and Perseverance (2:12-13)

Definitions: Comfort (55), Comforts (10), Comforted (31), Comforting (3)

Noun – (Greek) **Paraklesis** – found 10 x in 2 Cor. & 29 x in NT –

Consolation, exhortation, comfort, entreaty

Verb – (Greek) **Parakaleo** – found 15 x in 2 Cor. & 109 x in NT-

Beseech, comfort, exhort, prayer, summon, address or speak to
by way of exhortation, entreaty; admonish, beg, console,
encourage, strengthen, instruct.

Websters – Verb – cheer, give strength and hope, ease grief

Noun – strengthening aide, consolation, solace,
encouragement, feeling of wellness.

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COMPARE AND CONTRAST OLD AND NEW LAW



OLD TESTEMENT

NEW TESTEMENT



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2 Corinthians 4:8-5:21

- I. See the _____; 4:8-18
 - A. A struggle –
 - B. A paradox –
 - C. A quote –
 - D. A solution -
- II. Walk by _____, not by sight; 5:1-11
 - A. Our groaning –
 - B. Our guarantee –
 - C. Our walk –
 - D. Our goal -

III. Be compelled by _____; 5:12-21

A. Focus on the _____, not _____

B. Live for _____

C. See one another as _____

D. Embrace our role as _____

E. Become an _____

What does it mean to love (agape) God? Luke 10:27|

Practically, how do you grow in your love for God? Luke 2:52

	Heart Desire to do the will of God – Acts 13:22	Soul Focus on eternity - Matthew 16:26	Mind Knowledge and reason – James 1:21	Strength Focus and integrity – 2 Timothy 2:1-7
Wisdom Grow in knowledge, focus, and reason	<i>Study the character of God and purpose to be like Him – loving, caring, just, truthful.</i> 2 Chron 31:21, 34:31	<i>Focus on heaven, a glorious place where we will be eternally in the presence of God.</i> Rev 22:1-5	<i>Consider all Christ has done for us and know faith demands faithfulness.</i> Heb 12:1-2	<i>Trust in the Lord that His ways are best, both in the hard times and in the good times.</i> Prov 3:5-6; Jer 17:7-8
Stature Grow in maturity	<i>Value growth, not individual accomplishments.</i> 2 Pet 1:3-8, 3:18	<i>Strive for things we hope for, which is ultimately heaven. Growth in little things leads to big things.</i> Heb 6:19-20; Lk 16:10	<i>Balance the physical demands of our present reality and the future eternity we long for.</i> Phil 1:21; 2 Thes 3:10	<i>Care for our physical bodies, our homes, and our family.</i> Prov. 24:3-4; 2 Thes 3:12, 1 Pet. 4:9
Favor with God Grow in a positive relationship with God	<i>Humbly work to match your heart to the heart of God, bearing fruits of righteousness.</i> 1 Pet 5:6-7; Phil 1:11	<i>Make choices that store up treasures in heaven.</i> Matt 6:19-21	<i>Study the word of God. Pray daily. Meditate on His word.</i> 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Thes 5:17; Phil 4:6-8	<i>Submit to the authority of God, which also means submitting to government and others in authority over us.</i> 1 Pet 2:13-3:7, 5:5-7
Favor with Man Grow in positive relationships with man	<i>Fruits of righteousness build good relationships with man.</i> Phil 1:11, 1 John 5:1	<i>See individuals as souls who need teaching, love, and compassion.</i> Matt 9:36-38; 28:19-20	<i>Make application of God's wisdom, caring for one another, loving one another.</i> Heb 10:24; 1 Thes 5:11; 1 John 4:7-11	<i>Follow Christ to build and to value great relationships. Do not fear.</i> Rm 12:9-21; Col 3:12-17; 1 Jn 4:18

Table #1 - Brethren with the Mind of Christ Contrasted with Enemies of the Cross of Christ
Philippians 2-3

Brethren with the Mind of Christ	Enemies of the Cross of Christ
Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing through selfish ambition or conceit; Humbly esteem others better than self; Look out not only for your own interests but the interests of others	Philippians 3:19 - <i>Lust of the eyes</i> They set their mind on earthly things
Philippians 2:5-8 As Christ, make yourself of no reputation, humbly taking the form of a servant.	Philippians 3:19 - <i>Pride of life</i> They glory in their shame
Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing	Philippians 3:19 - <i>Lust of the flesh</i> Their God is their belly
Philippians 2:17 Paul allowed himself to be poured out as a drink offering on upon the sacrifice and service of their faith	Philippians 3:2 - <i>Pride of life</i> Beware of the mutilation
Philippians 2:19 Timothy sincerely cared for their state, seeking the things of Christ Jesus and not his own	Philippians 3:2 - <i>Lust of the eyes</i> Beware of evil workers
Philippians 2:25 Epaphroditus was a worker and a soldier, coming close to death for the work of Christ	Philippians 3:2 - <i>Lust of the flesh</i> Beware of dogs

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Table #2 - Enemies of the Cross of Christ Contrasted with Brethren with the Mind of Christ

Philippians 2-3

1 John 2:16 All that is in the world is not of the Father.	Philippians 3:18-19 Note these enemies of the cross which lead to destruction.	Philippians 3:2 Beware...	Philippians 2:1-16 Guard against the world by having the mind of Christ	Philippians 2:17-30 Examples of lives devoted to Christ
Lust of the flesh	Enemy #1 - God is their belly	Of dogs	Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing	Philippians 2:25 Epaphroditus was a worker and a soldier, coming close to death for the work of Christ
Lust of the eyes	Enemy #2 - Set their mind on earthly things.	Of evil workers	Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing through selfish ambition or conceit; Humbly esteem others better than self; Look out not only for your own interests but the interests of others	Philippians 2:19 Timothy sincerely cared for their state, seeking the things of Christ Jesus and not his own
Pride of Life	Enemy #3 - Glory is in their shame	Of the mutilation	Philippians 2:5-8 As Christ, make yourself of no reputation, humbly taking the form of a servant	Philippians 2:17 Paul allowed himself to be poured out as a drink offering on upon the sacrifice and service of their faith

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2 Corinthians 6-7

Live Holy Lives

Yield not to Temptation, For yielding is sin...

Be Not Unequally Yoked

Shun Evil Companions...

Joy Over Repentance

To him that o'er cometh, God giveth a crown...

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Notes provided by Brenna Rhodes

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

A Plea: Follow the examples of the Macedonian churches and the example of Christ

Giving generously and cheerfully

I. Introduction: Exploring 2 Examples

A. **Example of the Macedonians**

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

“Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ² that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their **joy** and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their **liberality**. ³ For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, ⁴ imploring us with much urgency ^[a] that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. ⁶ So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷ But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.”

1. Deeply impoverished due to civil war, persecutions
2. Their giving was with **joy** (v. 2)
3. They gave with **liberality** (v. 2)

B. **Example of Christ**

2 Corinthians 8:9, then skip down to 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

“⁶ But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows ^[d]bountifully will also reap ^[e]bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of ^[f]necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

“He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ Now ^[g]may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, ^[h]supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

1. Our most perfect & profound example of giving
2. Left glory for humble life on earth
3. Lived as a servant, with compassion for sick, outcasts, lost souls
4. Mocked, ridiculed, rejected
5. Suffered, bled, & died for me and you- the “indescribable gift” of his sacrifice

II. 3 Points to Study – a right heart about giving, a right method for giving, & the blessings promised to the generous and cheerful giver

A. A right heart

1. All we have BELONGS TO the Lord- Psalm 50:10-12

2. WE, ourselves, BELONG to God-1 Cor 6:20,
3. Every good thing comes FROM God- James 1:17
4. We are STEWARDS & will give account-Matt 25:19
5. A THANKFUL HEART naturally desires to give generously & with gladness-2 Cor 8:3-5 (
6. Our motivation for giving must be to bring GLORY TO GOD- 2 Cor 9:10-14

B. A right method

1. Decided in advance, with intent- 2 Cor 9:1-5 describes this intent and pre-planning
2. Given in portion to our gain-1 Cor 16:2-Lay an amount aside according to how you have prospered
3. Given weekly on the first day of the week-also in 1 Cor 16:2
4. In order to be known as charitable, for the glory of the Lord- 1 Pet 2:11-12
5. Give toward good works to benefit the brethren-Gal 6:10
6. Give to help the poor, in obedience to God's command, and to build the reputation of the Lord's church-Matt 5:16, Prov 14:21

C. The blessings we receive if we give cheerfully & liberally

1. God's blessings will always outdo our sacrifice-Malachi 3:8-10, Luke 6:38
2. Our giving creates a cycle of good in the church-Psalm 112:9,
3. Our giving creates opportunities to reach the lost-Matt 5:16
4. We will receive all blessings related to pleasing God- 2 Cor 9:7

III. Conclusion

In chapters 8 & 9 Paul was issuing specific instructions and sharing details about certain collections and their handling of those collections, which show us that giving is a vital facet of our faithful walk, and we are to be aware and careful about why and how we give, with thought and planning and a happy and thankful spirit. We have the example here of the Macedonian Christians who gave so sacrificially even in their poverty, so gladly, and with the intent of glorifying the Lord through their gift. And we have the profound example of Christ, who through His perfect love and His infinite grace, made the ultimate sacrifice for the souls of sinful mankind, to give each of us a way to be with Him in eternity.

We know the attitude/heart we should have in our giving.

We know how the Lord wants us to give (the mechanics of it.)

And we know that manifold blessings are poured out on Christians who give according to His instruction. We know that God loves when we are generous in our giving.

2 Corinthians 9:7, “*7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*”

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A Defense & A Challenge

2 Corinthians 10-13

Athena Scherffius

2 Corinthians 10

I. Paul's Spiritual Warfare (1-6)

II. Paul's Authority (7-11)

III. Paul's Labors (12-17)

2 Corinthians 11

I. Paul's Concern (1-6)

II. Paul's Offence (7-12)

III. Paul's Antagonists: Ministers of Satan (13-15)

IV. Paul's Suffering (16-35)

2 Corinthians 12

I. Paul's Visions And Revelations (1-6)

II. Paul's Thorn In The Flesh (7-10)

III. Paul's Apology (11-13)

IV. Paul's Love For The church (14-21)

2 Corinthians 13

I. Paul's Proof (1-6)

II. Paul's Perfection (7-10)

III. Paul's Final Admonition (11-14)