

2 Corinthians

Living in Gospel Paradoxes

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 7	Unit 1	Introduction to 2 Corinthians Comfort in Affliction <i>2 Corinthians 1:3-11; 2:5-11; 7:5-13</i>
September 14	Unit 2	Old and New Home and Away <i>2 Corinthians 3:1-18; 4:16-5:10</i>
September 21	Unit 3	Treasure in Jars of Clay <i>2 Corinthians 2:14-17; 4:1-15; 5:11-7:1</i>
September 28	Unit 4	Wealth in Poverty <i>2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15</i>
October 5	Unit 5	Strength in Weakness <i>2 Corinthians 10:1-12:21</i>

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Hughes, R. Kent. *2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness (Preaching the Word)*. Crossway, 2006.

Prime, Derek. *Let's Study 2 Corinthians*. The Banner of Truth Trust, 2000.

Thiselton, Anthony C. *2 Corinthians: A Short Exegetical and Pastoral Commentary*. Cascade Books, 2019.

UNIT 1

INTRODUCTION TO 2 CORINTHIANS | COMFORT IN AFFLICTION

I/ Introduction to 2 Corinthians

A. The city of Corinth

- i. Its _____



ii. Its _____

iii. Its _____



B. The church in Corinth

➤ Acts 18:1-17 (50 A.D.)



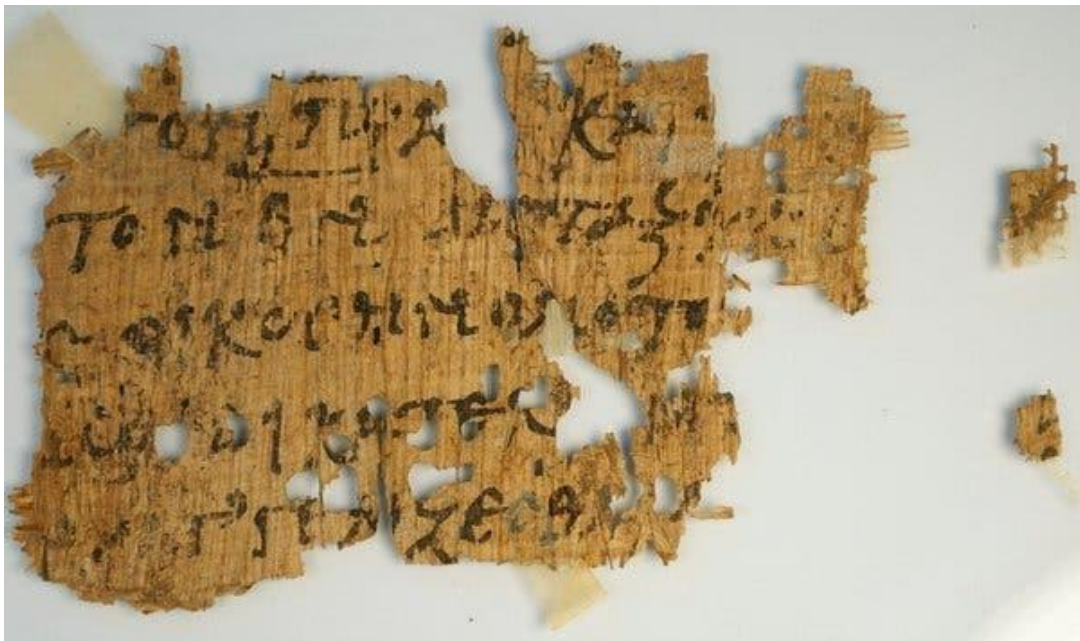
C. The letters to the Corinthians

i. Corinthians A: _____ (52/53 A.D.)

ii. Corinthians B: _____ (53-55 A.D.)

iii. Corinthians C: _____ (55/56 A.D.)

iv. Corinthians D: _____ (55/56 A.D.)



D. The challenge of 2 Corinthians

E. The beauty of 2 Corinthians

It is unfortunate that because Romans is more systematic and often easier to follow, historically it has put the Corinthian epistles in the shade...in their way, the Corinthian epistles are no less theologically rich and deserving of attention. –Anthony C. Thiselton

This letter is the most moving document that Paul has left us. –G.R. Beasley-Murray

II/ Comfort in Affliction

- 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

God has a way of turning desperate situations inside out, turning perplexity to perspective, restoring one's life from the darkest of pits, and granting a sense of purpose to even the most harrowing of life's traumas. –George Guthrie

Nothing is ever wasted in God's school of suffering. –Derek Prime

The "best possible" when men pray is better than the "best possible" when men do not pray. –Edgar Brightman

➤ 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

➤ 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

[5] And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. [6] For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” [7] It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? [8] If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. [9] Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? [10] For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. [11] For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:5-11)