

2nd Corinthians Study – Lesson 2: Welcome Back!

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17: ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone *is* in _____, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, _____ have become_____.

2nd Corinthians – Finding the *New!* **Lesson 2: Welcome Back!**

1. Forgiveness & *restoration*
2. Remember: we have *an enemy!*
3. *Open doors*
4. *Smells Good!*

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 2:5-17

1. Forgiveness & *restoration*

- ☞ Paul's goal – the goal of the church:
- ☞ *Repentance* – turning point
- ☞ *Forgiveness* - released
- ☞ *Restoration* – new again

In a nutshell,

- ☞ ⁷ Now instead, you ought to *forgive and comfort* him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive *sorrow*.
- ☞ I urge you, therefore, to *reaffirm* your *love for him*.

2. Remember: we have *an enemy!*

- ☞ Satan *hates you!*
- ☞ He knows forgiveness is *from God*, and it *works!*
- ☞ What are Satan's "schemes?"

Satan has 3 objectives:

- ☞ ¹⁰ The thief comes only to
- ☞ *1. steal* and *2. kill* and *3. destroy*;
- ☞ I have come that they may have *life*, and have it to *the full*.
- ☞ ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

☞ **JOHN 10**

1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a *roaring lion* looking for someone to devour. ⁹ *Resist him*, standing firm in the faith . .

3. *Open doors*

- ☞ Jesus opens doors for *you too!*
- ☞ Can you *recognize* an open door?
- ☞ Listen / watch for:
- ☞ People *talking* about their *problems*
- ☞ People asking *what helps you*

The 'Smell' of Victory

- ☞ But *thanks be to God*,
- ☞ who *always leads us* as captives in Christ's triumphal procession
- ☞ and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge *of him everywhere*
- ☞ For we are to God *the pleasing aroma of Christ*