

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians – Finding the *New!*

- Where do you find *comfort?*
- Where do you find *hope?*
- Where do you find *help?*
- *Finding the 'new' in Jesus!*

# 2 Corinthians, Lesson 10 – (final)

## *Finish Strong!*

- Excerpts from Chapters 10-13:
  1. **Spiritual Warfare**
  2. **God's grace is enough**
  3. **Sin is a problem!**
  4. **Faith test**
  5. **Trinitarian Blessing!**

# Highlights from ch. 10-13, NIV

- **10.<sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

# 10.

- **<sup>17</sup> But, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.” <sup>18</sup> For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.**

# 11.

- **11. <sup>13</sup> For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.**

## 12.

- **12. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

## 12.

- Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

# 12.

- We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, dear friends, is for your strengthening.<sup>20</sup> For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.



## 12.

- <sup>21</sup> I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

# 13.

- <sup>4</sup> For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you.
- <sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

# 13.

- **<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.**
- **<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.**
- **<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

# 1. Spiritual Warfare: 10.3-5

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## 2. God's grace is enough: 12.9-10

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# 3. Sin is a problem! 12.20-21

- I fear that there may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.
- and have not repented of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

# Sin – specks and logs

- <sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?
- first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.
  - Matthew 7.3-5
- Repent – turn!

## 4. Faith test: 13.5

- <sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith;
- test yourselves.
- Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?
- How do we 'test ourselves?'
- Do you have Jesus?
- Are you daily choosing to know/follow him more?



# 5. Trinitarian Blessing! 13.11, 14

- <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.
- <sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all