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Saints Can Find Hope In Separation (II Corinthians 6)

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. The letters we call “I & II Corinthians” are only part of Paul’s correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was well received. The “saints” of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. This chapter is about finding hope in separation. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. A Life of Ministry (vs.1-10)

- Rejoicing in the day of salvation for us (**Isaiah 49:8, 55:6-7**).
- Ignoring the deluge against us (**Acts 9:16**).
- Preparing for the danger ahead of us (**Romans 8:31-39**).
- Visualizing the death that awaits us (**II Timothy 4:6-8**).

II. A Love for Mission (vs.11-13)

- Love our family and friends (**Matthew 7:12, 22:37-39**).
- Love our church family (**II Corinthians 11:28**).
- Love our fellow workers (**II Timothy 1:2**).
- Love our future brethren (**John 17:20**).

III. A Lack of Mischief (vs.14-18)

- The Holy Spirit gave temporary gifts (**I Corinthians 12:8-10, 13:10**).
- The Holy Spirit gives natural gifts (**Romans 12:6-9**).
- The Holy Spirit bears fruit (**Galatians 5:22-23**).
- The Holy Spirit strengthens believers (**Ephesians 3:16**).

Conclusion: We are never truly separated from God if we are in Christ. **Romans 8:35-39** says, “*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” We need to have an eternal hope. Are you ready to be filled with hope? Will you share hope with others?