

“Paul Offers Hope To Christians”



***II Corinthians
Bible Study***

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Offering Hope Through Consolation – II Corinthians 1
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) On which journey did the apostle Paul establish the church in Corinth?
- (2) On which journey did Paul write both of his epistles to the Corinthians?
- (3) From where did Paul write the first epistle to the Corinthians? Second?
- (4) Who joins Paul in writing this epistle?
- (5) How does Paul describe the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- (6) What is the proper use of comfort we receive from God?
- (7) What two things abound in Christ?
- (8) Where had Paul experienced some trouble? How serious was it?
- (9) What had worked together with God in providing deliverance?
- (10) In what could Paul "boast"? Why?
- (11) What appears to be the reason Paul's integrity was in question?
- (12) Paul professes that his word is as faithful as what two things?
- (13) What assurances does Paul offer that he is faithful? How had it affected him?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through consolation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Instruction – II Corinthians 2
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) What was Paul determined not to do?
- (2) Why did he write his previous letter?
- (3) How did Paul write as he penned his letter?
- (4) What did Paul want them to do with the man who had sinned in I Corinthians?
- (5) Why had he required them to disfellowship this man from their congregation?
- (6) What was one purpose in writing to them as Paul had done?
- (7) Why was Paul so willing to forgive the man once the Corinthians had forgiven him?
- (8) When Paul came to Troas to preach the gospel, what did he find?
- (9) Who did he not find that troubled him greatly? Where did he then go?
- (10) Why does Paul give God thanks?
- (11) How does Paul describe God working through him?
- (12) In what two ways does Paul describe himself as "the fragrance of Christ"?
- (13) How do many misuse the Word of God? How did Paul speak the Word?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through instruction?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Commendation – II Corinthians 3
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) Who was Paul's "epistle of commendation"? Why?
- (2) Why is this a significant point for the Corinthians to remember?
- (3) What instrument had Paul used to make the Corinthians an "epistle of Christ"?
- (4) Who made Paul sufficient as a minister of the new covenant?
- (5) Of what is the new covenant? And what does it give?
- (6) How is the "old covenant" described in this text?
- (7) How is the "new covenant" described in this text?
- (8) What is said of the glory of the old covenant when compared with the new?
- (9) How else are the old and new covenants described in this text?
- (10) What remains on the heart when only the Old Testament is read?
- (11) What happens when one turns to the Lord? What do they find?
- (12) As we behold the glory of the Lord with unveiled face, what happens?
- (13) By whom does this transformation take place? Why?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through commendation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Manifestation – II Corinthians 4
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) Why does Paul not "lose heart"?
- (2) In renouncing the hidden things of shame, what two things does Paul not do?
- (3) To whom is the gospel "veiled"? Who has blinded them?
- (4) Who does Paul preach? Explain.
- (5) How does Paul view himself? Why?
- (6) How is the "light" that God has commanded to be shone in his heart described?
- (7) How does Paul describe the gospel, and himself in comparison?
- (8) What four examples does Paul use to describe how God's power works?
- (9) Why was Paul and others allowed to suffer for Christ?
- (10) Who benefited by the things Paul suffered?
- (11) Why did Paul not "lose heart" when his outward man was perishing?
- (12) In what two ways does Paul contrast his affliction and the glory to come?
- (13) Upon what does Paul keep his focus? Why?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through manifestation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Reconciliation – II Corinthians 5
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) What is the nature of Paul's ministry according to this chapter?
- (2) What did Paul know he would have if his "earthly house" were destroyed?
- (3) What was Paul's earnest desire? Why?
- (4) What has God given us as a "guarantee" of the "life" to come?
- (5) What remains our condition while we are "at home in the body"?
- (6) What does our present condition require of us in our daily "walk"?
- (7) What is the desire of the "confident" Christian?
- (8) What is the aim of "confident" Christian?
- (9) Before what must we all one day appear? Why?
- (10) What moved Paul to try to persuade men and live for Jesus Christ?
- (11) What is the condition of one in Christ?
- (12) Through whom has God reconciled us to Himself?
- (13) How has God reconciled us to Himself? What then does he make us?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through reconciliation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Separation – II Corinthians 6
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) How does Paul describe himself as he pleads with the Corinthians?
- (2) Why was Paul so careful not to give offense in anything?
- (3) What are some of the physical sufferings that commended Paul as a minister?
- (4) How did Paul demonstrate his integrity as a minister of God?
- (5) What are some of the contrasting experiences Paul had as a minister of God?
- (6) How can these things help us to admire Paul and all ministers of God?
- (7) How does Paul describe his affection toward the Corinthians?
- (8) What does he say about the Corinthians' affections toward him?
- (9) What charge does Paul give concerning our relation to those in the world?
- (10) What contrasts does Paul use to show the difference of believers and unbelievers?
- (11) What is necessary to receive the promises of God? Explain.
- (12) Why is it a blessing to have a Father who dwells among us?
- (13) Why is it so important to be separated from the world we live in?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through separation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Satisfaction – II Corinthians 7
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) In view of the promises of God, what two things does Paul admonish us to do?
- (2) What plea does Paul repeat that was made in chapter six?
- (3) What was Paul's condition when he first came to Macedonia?
- (4) How did God comfort him in Macedonia?
- (5) What about the Corinthians' sorrow led Paul to rejoice?
- (6) What does godly sorrow do? How?
- (7) What is the difference between "godly sorrow" and "sorrow of the world"?
- (8) What are the seven things that demonstrated the Corinthians' godly sorrow?
- (9) Why had Paul written to the Corinthians?
- (10) What gave Paul comfort and joy?
- (11) What had served to increase Titus' affection for the Corinthians?
- (12) What else gave Paul joy? Explain.
- (13) Why is it good for a Christian to experience satisfaction?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through satisfaction?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Devotion – II Corinthians 8
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) What was the condition of the churches in Macedonia?
- (2) What did the churches in Macedonia have in abundance?
- (3) What three things are said in how they gave?
- (4) How did they go beyond Paul's expectations?
- (5) Why did Paul send Titus?
- (6) What two examples did Paul use motivate them to give?
- (7) What three guidelines does Paul give to govern their giving?
- (8) What three men were sent to administer this collection?
- (9) Why were these men handling the collection, and not Paul?
- (10) What did Paul want the Corinthians to show to these men and the other churches?
- (11) Why is it so important that we prove our love for one another in the church?
- (12) How can we prove our devotion to our brethren?
- (13) Who can benefit from our devotion?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through devotion?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Demonstration – II Corinthians 9
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) Why was Paul's writing to the Corinthians about this collection superfluous?
- (2) Why were the messengers being sent?
- (3) What is the relation between sowing and reaping?
- (4) Which is better sowing or reaping?
- (5) What kind of giving pleases God?
- (6) What is God able to do? Explain.
- (7) What is the purpose of the abundance we receive from God?
- (8) Why did Paul pray that God supply and multiply the seed sown by the Corinthians?
- (9) When one is enriched in everything, for what purpose is it?
- (10) What four things did the administration of this service (the collection) supply?
- (11) What was the purpose of giving in the New Testament church?
- (12) What is the purpose of giving in the church today?
- (13) Who can benefit from our demonstrations of love?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through demonstration?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Transformation – II Corinthians 10
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) What two qualities of Christ-like character does Paul plead with the Corinthians?
- (2) What does Paul hope would not be necessary when he was with them in person?
- (3) Why was Paul so concerned about meeting with the brethren in person?
- (4) Though Paul walks in the flesh, what does he not do?
- (5) In what four ways are the weapons of our warfare "mighty in God"?
- (6) Upon what basis were some people evidently evaluating Paul?
- (7) What accusations were being made against Paul?
- (8) What did Paul tell such people to consider?
- (9) What did Paul say was an unwise practice?
- (10) In what area was Paul willing to boast? Why?
- (11) In whom should we glory? Explain.
- (12) In the end, who is it that is approved?
- (13) Why is transformation needed for approval from God?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through transformation?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Declaration – II Corinthians 11
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) How did Paul desire to present the Corinthians to Christ?
- (2) What was Paul fearful of concerning the Corinthians?
- (3) What were they seemingly willing to put up with? Why?
- (4) In what area did Paul concede that he was untrained? In what area was this not so?
- (5) What practice of Paul evidently was used as a charge against him?
- (6) While at Corinth, from whom did Paul receive support?
- (7) Why would Paul continue the practice of not accepting support from them?
- (8) How does Paul describe these opponents of his?
- (9) How does Satan often transform himself and his ministers?
- (10) How did Paul view the confidence of boasting? Why does Paul engage in it?
- (11) In what three ways was Paul equal to his opponents?
- (12) What five things did Paul endure as a minister of Christ?
- (13) What event does he relate as an example of his infirmity?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through declaration?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Affection – II Corinthians 12
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) As Paul continues his "foolish boasting", what does he now come to?
- (2) Where was the "man in Christ" taken? What did he hear?
- (3) In what would Paul boast? About what was he concerned?
- (4) Why was Paul given "a thorn in the flesh"?
- (5) How many times did Paul plead with the Lord to remove the "thorn"?
- (6) How did the Lord respond to Paul's thorn in the flesh?
- (7) What was Paul's thorn in the flesh?
- (8) In what did Paul choose to boast? Why?
- (9) What were the "signs of an apostle" that Paul had done among the Corinthians?
- (10) What had Paul done that some charged made the Corinthians inferior to others?
- (11) Why would Paul continue not to be a burden to them?
- (12) What was the motive behind all that Paul did for the Corinthians?
- (13) What was Paul afraid might occur when he got to Corinth?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through affection?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?

Offering Hope Through Examination – II Corinthians 13
REVIEW QUESTIONS

- (1) What will be the significance of Paul's third visit to them?
- (2) Why would Paul want to make a third visit?
- (3) What is Paul's warning should he come again?
- (4) What does Paul exhort them to do?
- (5) What was Paul's prayer for them?
- (6) Why was Paul writing this epistle?
- (7) In expressing farewell, what four exhortations does he leave with them?
- (8) Provided they heed these four exhortations, what blessing will they enjoy?
- (9) Why did Paul use these specific exhortations?
- (10) What final exhortation does he give to them?
- (11) What three blessings does Paul pray for them as he closes this epistle?
- (12) How do these final exhortations prove Paul's sincerity?
- (13) Why is it important that we examine ourselves as a church?
- (14) Why is it important that we offer hope through examination?
- (15) How can this kind of hope affect the church today?