



Sunday Morning Message for November 5, 2017 by Ray Reynolds

Saints Can Find Hope In Demonstration (II Corinthians 9)

Introduction: The church in Corinth had many problems. I & II Corinthians are only part of Paul's correspondence to this church family. The second letter reveals that the first letter was received with love and acceptance. 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 demonstrating our genuine faith. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Ministry of Saints (vs.1-5)

- Giving follows the teaching of Jesus (**Luke 6:30-36, 14:12-14**).
- Giving follows the pattern of the early church (**Acts 2:40-47, 4:32-37**).
- Giving follows the example of Paul (**Acts 20:33-35, Galatians 2:9-10**).
- Giving follows the teaching of Paul (**Galatians 6:9-10, I Timothy 6:17-19**).

II. The Sowing of Seed (vs.6-11)

- God will reward us for serving more (**Matthew 20:28**).
- God will reward us for giving more (**Mark 9:41**).
- God will reward us for helping more (**Acts 28:10**).
- God will reward us for doing more (**I Corinthians 3:8**)

III. The Sharing of Gifts (vs.12-15)

- God is honored by our gifts (**Exodus 35:22**).
- God is honored by our generosity (**Ezra 2:68-69**).
- God is honored by our great sacrifices (**Hebrews 13:16**).
- God is honored by our godly love (**I John 3:16-17**).

Conclusion: We need to give ourselves to God (**II Corinthians 8:5**). We need to promise our best to God (**Matthew 6:25-34**). God didn't call us to be ignorers, or haters, or takers. He called us to be givers. Do people deserve it? No! But God demonstrated His own love toward us when we were sinners (**Romans 5:8**) he allowed Jesus to die. And Jesus forgave His accusers. He gave them hope NOT hate! Are you ready to be filled with hope? Have you accepted the will of God? Will you share hope with others who need it?