

2ND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Chapter 6

The Temple of the Living God

What is meant by the phrase “Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

Chapter 7

Paul’s Joy at the Corinthians’ Repentance and Zeal

What is meant by the following passage: “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death.”

Chapter 8

Encouragement to Be Generous

What does the central section of the letter deal with? How does it deal with both charity and unity?

What is the fifth precept of the Church?

How is the life of Jesus Christ a lesson in generosity?

Chapter 9

Generosity in Giving

What does the following passage mean: “Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”? How does Maximus of Turin interpret this verse?

Chapter 10

Paul Defends His Ministry

What does the following verse mean: “Not that we venture to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.”?

Chapter 11

Paul and the False Apostles

How does St. Paul use the imagery of husband and bride and Adam and Eve to illustrate the danger posed by the false apostles?

What seven general characteristics are known about these “false apostles”?

What is the meaning of the phrase “angel of light”?

What types of punishments (lashes, rods, stones etc.) and difficulties did St. Paul undergo in his ministry to preach the gospel?

How was St. Paul more like a fugitive than a hero?

Chapter 12

Paul's Visions and Revelations

What does St. Paul mean in the following passage:

“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.”?

Why was St. Paul's petition for relief denied?

What are the signs of a true apostle?

Chapter 13

Further Warning

Under Mosaic Law how many witnesses were necessary to punish crimes?

Final Greetings and Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Does this liturgical benediction sound familiar?