

# **2ND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE** **CORINTHIANS**

## **Chapters 6-13**

Read 6:1-10 What is an acceptable time? (Note 6:2)

What are weapons of righteousness? (Note 6:7)

Read 6:14-18 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?” (Note 6:14)

What is the meaning of verses 6:16-18? (Note 6:16-18)

Read 7:5-10 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.” (Note 7:9) (Note 7:10)

What does the central section of the letter deal with? How does it deal with both charity and unity? (Note 8:1 – 9:15)

Read 8:1-4 What is the fifth precept of the Church? (Note 8:3)

Read 8:5-9 How is the life of Jesus Christ a lesson in generosity? (Note 8:9)

Read 9:6-8 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? (Note 9:7)

What topic does Paul address in chapters 10-13? (Note 10:1-13:14)

Read 10:7-12 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."? (Note 10:12)

Read 11:1-6 How does St. Paul use the imagery of husband and bride and Adam and Eve to illustrate the danger posed by the false apostles? (Note 11:2) (Note 11:3)

Read 11:12-15 What seven general characteristics are known about these "false apostles"? (Note 11:13)

What is the meaning of the phrase “angel of light”? (Note 11:14)

Read 11:21-29 What types of punishments (lashes, rods, stones etc.) and difficulties did St. Paul undergo in his ministry to preach the gospel? (Notes 11:24, 25)

Read 11:30-33 How was St. Paul more like a fugitive than a hero? (Note 11:32-33)

Read 12:1-10 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.”? (Note 12:1-10) (Note 12:2)

Why was St. Paul’s petition for relief denied? (Note 12:9)

Read 12:11-13 What are the signs of a true apostle? (Note 12:12)

Read 13:1 Under Mosaic Law how many witnesses were necessary to punish crimes? (Note 13:1)

Read 13:11-14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

What is a common expression of hospitality in the Middle East? (Note 13:12)

Does this liturgical benediction sound familiar? (Note 13:14)