



Class 5 ~ 2 Corinthians
9.18.19
Homework week of 9.18 – 9.24

Videos we watched in class:

The New Humanity <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/new-humanity/>
2 Corinthians <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/2-corinthians/>

Homework:

Everyday: First, pray that the Lord will reveal Himself through your reading and will impress His words upon your heart giving you clarity and transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly suggestion: When time permits, read your assignments in two different translations, back to back. For example, Read 2 Corinthians 1-3 first in your bible, then use an app to listen to it in another, i.e. ESV, NIV, NASB, AMP or MSG. Do this all in one sitting, so you can recognize the passages.

Day 1: Read your Bible's introduction to 2 Corinthians. If your bible doesn't have an introduction, fill this out from your table members on Wednesday, or look it up at:

<https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-2-corinthians/>

Who wrote this book?

When?

What is the main theme?

Why was it written? (what is the purpose?)

Learn anything interesting? Anything you didn't already know?

Any famous verses from 2 Corinthians? Try a google search and see what pops up when you type 2 Corinthians.....

Day 2: Read 2 Corinthians 1-3 in two different translations.

1:1-11 - How many times do you count the word comfort? Why are we given comfort, and by whom? What are we to do with this comfort?

Spend time thinking of a moment in which you suffered and then were comforted, and then able to use that experience to help another. Consider the truth of these verses:

Genesis 50:20

Romans 8:28-20

Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 - and remember to use your footnotes!

Who was the fragrance of Christ to you? How did they appeal to you, to earn the chance to share the gospel?

Have you ever been the fragrance of death to someone? Does this make sense to you? How does it make you feel?

Are we sufficient for these things? Read 2 Cor. 3:4-6. From where does our sufficiency come?

Day 3: Read 2 Corinthians 4-6 in two different translations.

Consider 2 Corinthians 4:1 - what does "this ministry" refer to? What is the connection to the last chapters? (Remember that the original manuscripts did not have chapter breaks - so we have to connect the dots between messages.)

Why does Paul not lose heart? How does this help you persevere?

2 Cor. 4:7-18

Paul has an unusual perspective regarding physical discomfort and persecution. His suffering and endurance were used by God to bring about resurrection life among the Corinthians - and us. His story helps us trust God in difficult times. What does resurrection life mean to you? How does Paul's story help you endure?

Chapter 5 teaches us about the ministry of reconciliation. What does reconcile mean?

How have we been reconciled?

You can see it in action in 2 Corinthians 5:17. How are you a new creation?

2 Cor. 5:21 explains reconciliation well - write it here.

This verse has been turned into a beautiful worship song by Chris Tomlin. Google "Chris Tomlin Jesus Messiah" on YouTube, or click below - to hear it now with a new perspective on this verse.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmY3jSugNBU>

Day 4: Read 2 Corinthians 7-9 in two different translations.

2 Cor. 7:1 says " since we have **these** promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement...." What promises is he referring to? Use your footnotes - and write down these amazing promises of God! Claim these for yourself - maybe writing your name in these verses.

2 Cor. 9:6 points us to the cheerful giver. Rewrite these verses in your own words, and consider how they may shape your life. Is this only about money? Where else does this apply?

In these chapters 7-9 - there has been more talk of comfort, plus generosity and abundance. These are attributes of God! He comforts us, so we can comfort others... He gives generously, so we may be generous in all areas of our lives, He blesses abundantly, so we can abound in serving Him. Thank Him for his comfort, generosity and abundance in your life... count your blessings today!

Day 5: Read 2 Corinthians 10-13 in two different translations.

In 2 Corinthians 12:7, Paul mentions a “thorn in the flesh” that was given to him. Many theologians have speculated about that, and we may never know what it was. But we do know the purpose for it. The reason is clearly stated in 12:9.

What is it?

Read 12:1-6 and explain the relationship between Paul’s experience and his “thorn in the flesh”.

Extra Credit:

2 Corinthians is 13 chapters long. Read the entire book in one sitting, now that you have a full grasp of its’ message!

Write down any verse from 2 Corinthians that stands out to your heart. Why did you pick this one? Try and memorize it!