

3 Our high calling is to be the Church of Θ
Communion of saints, II Corinthians 1:1-2

☰☰ Chapter 13 ties 3 threads of II Cor. together



Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus
Community of the Gospel of Jesus
Aim of the Gospel of Jesus/Church

① Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus



Context = quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder (12:20) among the Church in general, and unrepentance for impurity, sexual immorality and sensuality in particular (12:21). Paul is coming soon and will establish church discipline "quasi-judicial hearing."

Shape of the ministry?

☑ Jesus' power through human weakness vs. 2-4
"Jars of Clay"

☑ Test = Jesus in you vs. 5-8

☑ Goal = building up vs. 9-10 "restoration"

Application Stunning claim!

To the degree you receive the Ministry of the Gospel you receive the ministry of Christ himself!

"Christ is speaking in me" (vs.3), "Christ in you" (vs.5), "Authority LORD has given me for building up..." (vs.10) ▶ Summer Preaching Series

↓ Ministry of the Gospel creates the Church

② Community of the Gospel of Jesus

☑ Finally, brothers, rejoice World Cup, Argentina's Victory

☑ Aim for restoration

☑ Comfort one another

☑ Agree w. one another

☑ Live in peace

☑ Greet one another w. Holy Kiss

Why? Being in Community of Grace is Hard!

Answer = And the God of love and peace will be w. you (13:11) What an amazing promise!

God Himself, his presence, love and grace is the reward of Christian Community.

↳ Brings us to the great End, Aim of Gospel Ministry + Church

③ Aim of Gospel Ministry and Church

☞☞ Communion w. Triune God

John Owen, Communion with God

☑ The grace of the LORD JESUS CHRIST

☑ The Love of God [the Father]

☑ The fellowship of the Holy Spirit

This is the great thing we are about. Nothing less

Seeker ▶ Invite you into this fellowship

My ♥ for you Benediction