

# L26: 2 Corinthians 11:13-33 - Paul's Foolish Speaking

## Sermon Review: Review/Summarize

- Beguilers - Subtility
  - Outward Appearance
- Paul's abasing - Corinthians exaltation
- Paul's jealousy
  - Espousal - Justification
  - Chastity - Sanctification
  - Presentation - Glorification

## Sermon Preview:

- Identification of the "they", "some"
- Paul's Glory of the Flesh vs. Their Glory of the Flesh

## Sermon:

**2 Corinthians 11:13-15 - For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. (14) And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (15) Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

- Identity
  - **"false apostles"**
  - **"deceitful workers"**
  - **"transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ"**
    - 2 Cor. 10:7 - "if any man trust to himself that he is Christ's"
    - 2 Cor. 10:18 - "for not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth."
- Cause
  - **"no marvel"** -
    - "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."
- Response
  - **"no marvel"** - a wonder, that which arrests the attention and causes a person to stand or gaze (admiration)
  - **"no great thing"**
  - **"his [Satan's] ministers also..transformed as the the ministers of**

## righteousness"

- Their End
  - "end shall be according to their works"

**2 Corinthians 11:16-21** I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. (17) That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. (18) Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. (19) For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. (20) For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. (21) I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

- "I say again" - 2 Cor. 11:6
  - "Let no man think me a fool"
  - "yet as a fool receive me"
  - "that I may boast myself a little"
- "Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little"
  - A return from :1
    - Proverbs 26:5 (:4)
      - 2 Cor. 11:12 - "cut off occasion"
- "glory after the flesh also"
  - "for ye suffer fools gladly" - suffer Paul's foolishness
- "For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise"
  - They should be able to bear with Paul's folly, his foolishness
  - 1 Cor. 4:10
- "For ye suffer" - Very sarcastic
  - "if a man bring you into bondage" - doctrinal enslavement
  - "if a man devour you" - financial (Luke 20:47 - Jesus teaches of the Pharisees devour widows houses)
  - "if a man take of you" - imagery of catching fish (subtilty) - hook, line, sinker
  - "if a man exalt himself" - 1 Peter 5:1-4
  - "if a man smite you on the face"
    - In contrast to their supposed humiliation before the Corinthians - they sought to humiliate the Corinthians.
    - 1 Cor. 9:27
    - May have physically abused or could be description of the sign of disrespect and contempt for the Corinthians
      - Luk 22:64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote thee?

- Act 23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.
- 1 Kings 22 - Zedekiah smites Micaiah

- **"reproach"**

- **"as though we had been weak"**

- Paul sarcastically suggests he is to be blamed - he has been weak to
  - "bring you into bondage"
  - "devour you"
  - "take of you"
  - "exalt himself"
  - "smite you on the face"

**2 Corinthians 11:22-33** Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. (23) Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. (24) Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. (25) Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; (26) In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; (27) In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. (28) Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. (29) Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? (30) If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. (31) The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. (32) In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: (33) And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

- **:22-23 - "Are they...so am I."**

- **"in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft"** - general description of suffering

- **"of the Jews"**

- **"five times received I forty stripes save one."**
  - Deut. 25:1-3 (one less for righteousness sake)
  - Matt. 10:17 (Acts 9)

- **"thrice was I beaten with rods"**

- Acts 16:22-23

- **"once was I stoned"**

- Acts 14:19-20 at Lystra

- **"thrice I suffered shipwreck"**

- "a night and a day I have been in the deep"

- Floating on the wreckage awaiting rescue
- **"perils"** that resulted from apostolic travel in the then world (the good Samaritan)
  - Luke 10:30
- **:23-28 - "in...."**
  - **"without" - within** ["cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches"]
- **:29-31 - "who is weak"** - the weak brother in the churches, the weak estates
  - **"who is offended"** - the Corinthians were offended (Paul didn't burn in offence)
  - Paul's glory in his infirmities
  - Paul's not lying
- **32-33** - the continual attack upon Paul and this is why they don't acknowledge Paul
  - Acts 9:22-25
    - Jews took counsel to kill him
    - Stirred up the governor - stir up the secular authorities
      - Government and authority to restrain violence and Paul isn't the one being violent

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**