

L24: 2 Corinthians 10:7-18 - Pauline Authority unto Edification

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Warring the warfare
- Spiritual war - casting down imaginations - commending ourselves to every man's conscience - can have physical effects

Sermon Preview:

- Outward appearance vs. God-given Authority
- Self-Commendation vs. Lord Commendation

Sermon:

(2 Corinthians 10:7)

Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

- **"Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?"**
 - "appearance" - the thing seen, visible to the eye, external show, (introduction), presence
 - "observation" - that which one would take notice to see or fix the mind on
 - Luke 17:20-21
 - :2 - "walk according to the flesh"
 - 1 Samuel 16:7
 - John 7:24
 - John 18:36
 - 2 Cor. 4:17-18
- "If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's"
 - "trust" - confidence, resting of the mind on integrity, veracity, justice, friendship, Belongs to Christ

(2 Corinthians 10:8)

For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

(2 Corinthians 10:9)

That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

- Accusation of abusive leader
 - Fear tactics - intimidate (1 Cor. 4:18-21)
 - Paul wasn't attempting to terrify but bring them to godly sorrow that worketh repentance unto salvation.

(2 Corinthians 10:10)

For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

- Discredit Paul
 - 2 Cor. 2:1

(2 Corinthians 10:11)

Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

- He will be toward them physically just as he has been in absence
- "power of truth"
 - Same correction
 - Same reproof
 - Commending himself to every man's conscience
 - Very reason why he suffering
 - Light and manifestation

(2 Corinthians 10:12)

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

- He is not ashamed, they are not wise
- "commend themselves"
 - 2 Cor. 3:1

(2 Corinthians 10:13)

But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

- "our measure" - "according to the measure of the rule...God..distributed"
 - Acts 9:15-16
 - Rom. 1:5, 12:3, 15:15-19; 1 Cor. 1:17, 3:18, 4:1-6 (15:10); Eph. 3:7-9; 1 Tim. 2:5-7; 2 Tim. 1:8-11, 4:17

(2 Corinthians 10:14)

For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:

- Possible accusation that Paul is too busy - stretched himself too thin
 - Paul did reach the Corinthians
 - 1 Cor. 4
 - Just at he reached other nations
 - Rom. 1, 15

(2 Corinthians 10:15)

Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

- These men were boasting without the measure given to Paul
- These men were boasting of themselves
- Paul boasted of other men's labours
 - 11:7-9
- Hope that when the Corinthians believe and acknowledge him fully they will be enlarged and help according to the rule.

(2 Corinthians 10:16)

To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

- To preach the gospel further (Rome, Spain)

(2 Corinthians 10:17)

But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

(2 Corinthians 10:18)

For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

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Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize

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