

L25: 2 Corinthians 11:1-12 - Bearing with Paul, Not Beguilers

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Paul's pattern of Christ's longsuffering
- Sufferings of Christ
 - Authority for Edification
 - False measure by outward appearance

Sermon Preview:

- Bearing with Paul
- Godly Jealousy
- Beguiling Christians

Sermon:

(2 Corinthians 11:1-2)

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

- **"Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly:"**
 - :12 - "...comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."
 - :8 - "For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification..."
 - :18 - "For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth"
 - **"folly"** - weakness of intellect, an act which is inconsistent with the dictates of reason
 - Paul doesn't state this because of his weakness in view of their self-commendation, to commend himself.
 - Paul is stating it is folly because it is inconsistent with what the Corinthians know was given Paul and Christ's commendation of Paul.
 - Paul will continue to argue this "folly".
- **"and indeed bear with me."**
 - To forbear, to put up

- **"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy:"**
 - **"jealousy"** - Suspicious; apprehensive of rivalry; uneasy through fear that another has withdrawn or may withdraw from one the affections of a person he loves, or enjoy some good which he desires to obtain
 - **"godly jealousy"** - **"for I have espoused"**
 - 1 Corinthians 4:14-16
 - Ex. 20:5, 34:14
 - Justification - **"for I have espoused you to one husband, that"**
 - Two-fold Purpose
 - Glorification - **"present you...to Christ"**
 - Sanctification - **"as a chaste virgin"**
 - Rom. 6 - holy
 - Col. 3:12 - holy
 - 2 Cor. 7:1 - perfecting holiness
 - 1 The. 4:1-8
 - **"chaste"** - 2 Cor. 7:11
 - "chaste conversation" - 1 Pet. 3:2

(2 Corinthians 11:3)

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- **"But I fear, lest by any means"**
 - War, weapons, "imagination"
 - 2 Cor. 4:1-6
 - 2 Cor. 2:11 - "devices" - "wiles"
- **"as the serpent beguiled Eve"**
 - **"through his subtilty"** - fineness, extreme acuteness; cunning
 - Ephesians 4:14
 - Genesis 3:1-7
- **"so your minds should be corrupted"**
 - **"from the simplicity that is in Christ."**
 - **"minds"** - 2 Cor. 10:4; Rom. 8
 - **"corrupted"** - infected with error, to separate, to spoil, defile, to pollute
 - **"simplicity"** - unmixed, uncompounded (liberality, bountifulness, liberal, singleness)
 - Relationship - fornication (two)
 - Not duplicity - "another"

- Last time used:
 - 2 Cor. 8:2 - "riches of their liberality"
 - 2 Cor. 9:11 - "being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness"
 - 2 Cor. 9:13 - "subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution"

(2 Corinthians 11:4)

For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

- "For if he that cometh"
 - Accused Paul
 - Beside himself
 - Paul didn't really mean what he said
 - Dominion over your faith
 - 10:7, 10 - "if any man", "say they"
 - Taught - not to forgive, or not to forgive right away
 - Look on the outward appearance
 - Lived toward the Corinthians by fleshly wisdom
 - Corrupted the Word of God
 - Provided letters of commendation
 - Did things by their own power
 - Accepted by men and had a respect of persons

"if he...preacheth"	"another Jesus"	"we have not preached"
"if ye receive"	"another spirit"	"ye have not received"
[accept]	"another gospel"	"ye have not accepted"

- Duplicity, corruption from the simplicity, the singleness and exclusivity and specificity of Jesus Christ, the new testament "spirit" (mind), and the gospel of God, the gospel of Christ.
 - This wasn't Jesus during His earthly ministry.
 - There are many dispensational distinctives, but He isn't speaking of dispensational distinctives - Paul is speaking of holiness, righteousness, and godliness and such things were spoken by Jesus.
 - These men were not simply teaching Jesus' earthly ministry teachings there was a duplicity that is "another".
 - Implications are vast and far reaching
 - The test is that which Paul preached, spirit given through Paul's

ministry, and the gospel accepted by the Corinthians.

- The things that the Corinthians were bearing didn't even have the resemblance of Jesus earthly ministry as it concerned "holiness", "righteousness", and "godliness".
 - These men are "false apostles, deceitful workers"

(2 Corinthians 11:5)

For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

- "whit" - one point
- Not behind any of the apostles
 - 1 Cor. 15
 - Gal. 2:6-9

(2 Corinthians 11:6)

But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.

- **"But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge"**
 - Paul gives that ground (2 Cor. 10:10), but not the "knowledge" he is speaking.
- **"but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things."**
 - 2 Cor. 3:1-2, 4:1-2
 - Simplicity & godly sincerity
 - Sincere speaking
 - Able ministers of NT
 - Accepted of Christ/God
 - Glory in heart
 - Work together with God
 - Rom. 15:15-19
 - 1 Tim. 4:12
 - 2 Tim. 3:10-11

(2 Corinthians 11:7-8)

Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

- Example of this manifestation to them - (2 Cor. 6:1-3)
 - Abased himself so they may be exalted
 - Restrained carnally for their spiritual exaltation
 - **"I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?"**

(2 Corinthians 11:9)

And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

- The pattern of Macedonia
 - Php. 4:4-18
 - Rom. 12:13

(2 Corinthians 11:10)

As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

- The truth of Christ is in Paul and manifest in this manner in which Paul boasts.

(2 Corinthians 11:11)

Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

- Why will Paul not stop boasting?
 - Because he doesn't love them - NO - he abasing himself that they may be exalted
- **"God knoweth"**
 - God takes account, record of the Christ working in us.

(2 Corinthians 11:12)

But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

- **"But what I do, that I will do"**
 - Boasting, abasing, folly
- **"that I may cut off occasion"**
 - War - "from them which desire occasion"
- **"that wherein they glory"**
 - The measure of their glorying would be manifest as wholly inferior to the truth of Christ in Paul (gentleness and meekness)
 - **"they may be found even as we."**
 - If so bear with them and bear with Paul, if not bear not with them for they are beguilers.

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize