



2ND CORINTHIANS



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Kiss and Make up

2nd Corinthians 13:11-14

Recap:

- Worldly
- Unimpressed With Paul
- Confused about ministry and purpose

2 Corinthians = A Call to be a
Counter-Cultural-Cruciform Community

2 Corinthians 13 NIV

(1) This will be my third visit to you.

"Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

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(2) I already gave you a warning when I was with you the second time. I now repeat it while absent: On my return I will not spare those who sinned earlier or any of the others,

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(3) since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you.

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(4) For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God's power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you.

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(5) Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?

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(6) And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.

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(7) Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong--not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed

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(8) For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

(9) We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored.

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(10) This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority--the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

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(11) Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

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(12) Greet one another with a holy kiss.

(13) All God's people here send their greetings.

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(14) May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Self Examination -> Sanctification

1. **Honest self-evaluation** (Eze. 14:1-5)
 - a. Weakness, limitations, temptations
 - b. Issues of the heart and root,
(Luke 6:43–45; Matt. 23:25–26),
what rules your heart? (James 1:14)

Self Examination -> Sanctification

2. Have a goal (Gal. 2:20; 5:16-22)

a. Christlikeness, Fruit of the Spirit

b. being and doing (1 John 2:6)

c. Know, feel, do (Eph. 5:1-2)

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3. Start growing (2 Peter 3:18)

a. Prayer, Word, Spirit, Community

(Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 2:6-7)

b. Be recaptured/enraptured,

in love with Him (Phil. 1:9)

The Church?

How can we view church in a lens that corrects and challenges the extreme errors found in our western modern expressions of church?

The church embodies the realized activity of salvation and good works (2 Tim. 3:15), the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things (Eph. 3:9-10), and a tangible expression of gospel love and living (Col. 1:24).

v. 11

Rejoice (emotion/proclamation), **Grow** in maturity (effort of know, feel, do following Jesus), **Comfort** (be used in each others lives), **Unify** (be of one mind, spirit, goal), be relationally healthy and **Connected**, God will work in you, the church is His!

v. 11

“Be of one mind” (Rom 12:16; 15:5; Phil 2:2; 4:2) and “live in peace” (Mark 9:50) address unity and harmony, reflecting God’s design for the church

v. 12 - Sanctified Smoochies

“holy kiss” also in Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20;
1 Thess 5:26; and 1 Pet 5:14.

- love and reverence (Luke 7:38, 45)
- reconciliation and family fellowship (Luke 15:20)

= joy, love, reconciliation, peace, and communion are in all and see in others

v. 13-14

Trinitarian benediction as the three pillars of the community of the saints.

Grace/Love/Communion

Son/Father/Spirit

1. Be of the same mind and humble (Rom. 12:16)
2. Be at peace with everyone (Rom. 12:18)
3. Pursue peace and mutual edification (Rom. 14:19)
4. Glorify God with one voice (Rom. 15:5-6)
5. Preserve unity in the Spirit (Eph. 4:1, 3)

Root church Problems?

“Your system is perfectly designed to yield the result you are getting.”

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“church” = “assembly” or “called-out ones.”

Different approaches to definition

By function: worship, community service, teaching, belonging.

By organization: structure, hierarchy, leadership, governance.

By ontology: nature, essence, spiritual significance.

The Church?

Local vs Universal

Big Picture Concept

The Gospel, The Word, The Spirit

Cultural Obstacles

Consumerism

Individualism

Anti-Authority

Isolation

Church Structure

the church, understood simply as:

“the community of the new covenant between God and humanity, which is grounded in the self-offering of Jesus Christ” [1] or more simply, “people who are the community of the Spirit.” [2]

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
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Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV



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What Are The Fruits Of Your Life?

Fruit of the Spirit:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

(Galatians 5:19-23)

C. P. R. - C. = Concepts

1. What a person does and says is not caused by people or situations.
2. A person's behavior is always controlled by the desires that rule their heart.
3. We have been united with Christ and indwelt by the Holy Spirit so that we can say no to the passions and desires of the sinful nature. (Tripp)

C. P. R. - P. = Personalized

1. When attempting to understand my feeling/actions, first examine my own heart.
2. Ask myself what emotions and desires control me in the various relationships and situations of daily life.
3. Affirm my identity in Christ and rely on the indwelling Holy Spirit as I seek to serve others in love. (Tripp)

C. P. R. - R. = Related to others

1. I must not blame people or circumstances for my emotions, words, and actions.

2. I must always remember that the desires that rule my heart will shape the way I relate to the people in my life.

3. I must be committed to helping people remember who they are in Christ as they struggle. (Tripp)

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