

The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient Greek temple, likely the Temple of Apollo at Corinth. The scene is dominated by large, weathered stone columns and intricate carvings on the entablature. The sky is a clear, bright blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is a decorative geometric pattern consisting of interlocking lines forming a series of stylized, symmetrical shapes. The text '2ND CORINTHIANS' is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, positioned between two horizontal lines that are part of the decorative overlay.

2ND CORINTHIANS

Examination

2nd Corinthians 13:1-6

Recap:

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

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

Corinthian (Christian) Problems

- Lacking in love.
- Attraction to fleshly things.
- Despising personal weakness.
- Love of skill and gifts, not of God and others.
- Quickly turning against one another.

Corinthian (Christian) Problems

- Suspicious, judgmental.
- Factions and favoritism.
- Loose on sin, hard on leaders.
- Influence by the culture instead of the scriptures.
- Selfish ambitions.

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(1) This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(2) I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent I write to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare —

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(3) since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(4) For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(5) Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

2 Corinthians 13:1-6 NKJV

(6) But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

v. 1-2 - Three witnesses

3 visits / 3 people?

quotes from Deuteronomy 19:15

(Num 35:30; Deut 17:6).

Church discipline and the Gospel

1. Confront lovingly in private (Matt. 18:15; Gal. 6:1)
2. If refuses to repent, take one or two others along as witnesses (Matt. 18:16)

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3. If still unrepent, bring it to church leadership (Matt. 18:17)

4. If still unrepent, kicked out and treated as an unbeliever (Matt. 18:17)

(1 Tim. 5:19; 1:18; Titus 3:10; 1 Cor. 5)

v. 4 - Weakness & power in the Gospel

The Paradox of the Cross, The
upside-down kingdom, A Divine
Conspiracy (Mat 5-7)

Christ's Spirit at work in the believer has
certain effects of sanctification and
faithfulness (Gal. 5:22–23; 2 Pet. 3:18)

v. 5-6 - Self Examination

1. **Trust:** Faith and Repentance, a trust, allegiance, and reliance on Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

2. **Follow**: This trust leads to a desire to be His disciple/apprentice, implementing His teachings (**John 8:31**), integrating our existence into eternal living.

3. **Obey**: This discipleship/
apprenticeship leads to obedience. Our
experiences make us love God more and
more, encouraging obedience, even in
misunderstanding or dislike.

4. **LOVE:** Obedience, and the discipline it demands, leads to inner transformation. The disciple's state becomes one of loving others as we grow in 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control.' (**Gal. 5:22**)

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)

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV



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The image features a background of ancient stone ruins with intricate carvings. Overlaid on this is a large, white, serif font text '2ND CORINTHIANS'. The text is centered and framed by two decorative, symmetrical geometric patterns made of white lines, one above and one below the text. The patterns consist of interlocking arches and lines, resembling a stylized architectural motif.

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