



2ND CORINTHIANS



The image features a background of ancient stone ruins with intricate carvings. Overlaid on this is a white, symmetrical geometric pattern consisting of interlocking lines forming a central cross-like shape with four pointed ends. The text '2ND CORINTHIANS' is centered in a white, bold, sans-serif font, flanked by two small decorative elements resembling stylized wings or petals.

Persistent Proof

2nd Corinthians 6:3-10

Recap:

Worldly

Unimpressed With Paul

Confused about ministry and purpose

2 Corinthians = A call to be a counter-cultural-cruciform community

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV

[18] Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV

[19] that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV

[20] Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 NKJV

[21] For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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[1] We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

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[2] For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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[3] We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

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[4] But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

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[5] in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

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[6] by purity, by knowledge, by
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Spirit, by sincere love,

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[7] by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

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[8] by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

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[9] as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

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[10] as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
as poor, yet making many rich; as
having nothing, and yet possessing all
things.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-25, 9:3-15;

1 Timothy 3:1-2;

1 Peter 2:11-17

2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves...

-not external letters (**3:1**),

-not self-recommendations (**10:18**),

-not religious credentials (**11:22**)

but the internal testimony of the Spirit
(cf. **Rom. 2:28–29; Gal. 6:17**)

9 trials, in 3 sets of 3 each (6:4–5)

9 inner qualities (6–7)

9 pairs of paradoxes (8–10)

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The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient Greek temple, likely the Temple of Apollo at Corinth. The scene is filled with massive stone columns, some of which are partially broken or missing. The architecture features intricate carvings and a prominent entablature. A decorative, white, geometric pattern is overlaid on the center of the image. This pattern consists of a central vertical axis with symmetrical, interlocking lines that form a series of pointed, arch-like shapes, reminiscent of classical architectural motifs like the Corinthian capital or a stylized floral design. The overall color palette is warm, dominated by the golden-brown and tan tones of the weathered stone, set against a clear, light blue sky.

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