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2ND CORINTHIANS

One Jesus, One Gospel

2nd Corinthians 11:1-15

Recap:

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

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

Five Accusations Against Paul [Fisher]

(1) Bully and Coward (10:1, 9, 10)

(2) Worldly (10:2; 11:11; 12:16)

(3) Bragger (10:8)

(4) Inferior apostle (11:5; 12:11; 13:3)

(5) Unskilled and Ugly (11:6; 10:10)

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV

1 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly--and indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 NKJV

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or [if] you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!

v.1 - Christ's Example

Humble and Meek (Matt. 5:5; 11:29; 21:5; John 1:29; Ps. 45:4; Isa. 40:11; 42:3; 53:7; Zech. 9:9)

Bold and Direct (Matt. 15:1–2; 23:13–33; Mark 11:15–17; John 2:13–16)

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2 Corinthians 11:5-9 NKJV

5 For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.

6 Even though [I am] untrained in speech, yet [I am] not in knowledge.

But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things.

2 Corinthians 11:5-9 NKJV

7 Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages [from them] to minister to you.

2 Corinthians 11:5-9 NKJV

9 And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep [myself].

2 Corinthians 11:6 NKJV

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2 Corinthians 11:7 NKJV

7 Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge?

2 Corinthians 11:10-15 NKJV

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows!

2 Corinthians 11:10-15 NKJV

12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. 13 For such [are] false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:10-15 NKJV

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

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Psalm 119:9-11 NKJV

9 BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

1 Peter 3:15 NKJV

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always [be] ready to [give] a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Romans 3:23 NKJV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 NKJV

23 For the wages of sin [is] death, but the gift of God [is] eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 NKJV

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Acts 2:16-47 NKJV

3 Parts to the whole Gospel

1. Revelation - Who Jesus is/What He did
2. Response - What we do
3. Result - What we get

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