

Study 6

Read 2 Corinthians Chapter 6

SUMMARY

At the close of chapter five, Paul described himself as an ambassador for Christ who pleads on God's behalf for people to be reconciled to God. With that thought in mind, he makes a special plea for the Corinthians not to receive God's grace in vain, reminding them that now is the time for salvation (1-2).

In the ninth and final description of his apostolic ministry, Paul focuses on the "approved" nature of his ministry. Determined not to give offense nor reason for blame, Paul has acted commendably. This is seen in the physical sufferings he has endured and the spiritual graces he has displayed. Even the conflicting reactions and reports by others, along with the various experiences described in a contrasting manner, help to confirm that his ministry is "approved" (3-10).

At this point, Paul makes an appeal to the Corinthians. With a heart that is wide open to them, he begs for them to open wide their hearts to him as well. Then he pleads with them not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers, in order that they might receive the promises of everlasting fellowship with God as their Father (11-18).

Questions:

1) Finish this quote, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in _____." (II Corinthians 6:1)

2) When is the accepted time and when is the day of salvation? (II Corinthians 6:2)

3) What reason does Paul write that he gave no offense in any thing? (II Corinthians 6:3)

4) Paul wrote "O ye Corinthians, our what is open unto you, our heart is enlarged? (II Corinthians 6:11)

5) To whom does Paul write "ye are straitened in your own bowels?" (II Corinthians 6:11-12)

6) Paul advised the Corinthians to not be unequally yoked with whom? (II Corinthians 6:14)

7) What does righteousness not have with unrighteousness? (II Corinthians 6:14)

8) One who believes has no part with whom? (II Corinthians 6:15)

9) The temple of God has no agreement with what? (II Corinthians 6:16)

10) Who composes the temple of God? (II Corinthians 6:16)

11) The temple of the living God was commanded to come out and be separated with what? (II Corinthians 6:16-17)

12) If the temple of the living God (Christians) did come out and were separated and touched not the unclean thing what does God promise to do and to be? (II Corinthians 6:17-18)

13) What would the temple of God (Christians) be unto God the father? (II Corinthians 6:16-19)

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

2) How does Paul describe himself as he pleads with the Corinthians to not receive the grace of God in vain? (1)

3) Why was Paul so careful not to give offense in anything? (3)

4) List some of the physical sufferings which commended Paul as a minister of God (4-5)

- 5) List those areas where Paul demonstrated his integrity as a minister of God (6-7)

- 6) List the contrasting experiences Paul had as a minister of God (9-10)

- 7) How does Paul describe his affection toward the Corinthians? (11)

- 8) What does he say about the Corinthians' affections toward him? (12)

- 9) What charge does Paul give concerning our relation to those in the world? (14)

- 10) List the contrasting pairs that Paul uses to show the incongruity of believers being unequally yoked with unbelievers (14-16)

- 11) What is necessary to receive the promise of having God as our Father who dwells among us? (17-18)