

Study 11

Read 2 Corinthians Chapter 11

SUMMARY

As Paul continues defending his apostolic authority, he finds it necessary to engage in "a little folly." He does so out of concern for their faithfulness to Christ and his fear that others may have corrupted their minds from the simplicity that is in Christ (1-4). He also explains why he did not accept support from them. Evidently this was the basis for charges against him by those who considered themselves "the most eminent apostles". But Paul, who had good reasons for not accepting their support, recognizes these detractors as they really were: "false apostles" and "deceitful workers" (5-15).

While not desiring to act foolishly, he finds it necessary since it seems that the Corinthians are so willing to accept those who do (16-21). With some foolish boldness, then, Paul claims equal footing with his detractors as it pertains to physical heritage. But when it comes to service as a minister of Christ, he far surpasses them as is evident in the things he suffered. After listing many examples of suffering, he concludes that if he must boast it will be in the things which concern his infirmity, giving his escape from Damascus as an illustration (22-33).

Questions:

- 1) What kind of jealousy did Paul possess for the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 11:2)

- 2) Paul had espoused the Corinthians to one husband that they could be presented as what to Christ? (II Corinthians 11:2)

- 3) Through what had the serpent beguiled Eve? (II Corinthians 11:3)

- 4) From what does Paul fear the Corinthians minds should be corrupted? (II Corinthians 11:3)

- 5) Who supposed he was not a whit behind the chiefest apostles? (II Corinthians 11:5)

- 6) Paul wrote the Corinthians "But though I be rude in speech, yet not in what? (II Corinthians 11:6)

7) Who paid Paul's wages when he preached the gospel to the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 11:8)

8) Who supplied Paul's needs when he was among the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 11:9)

9) What kinds of apostles were transforming themselves into apostles of Christ at Corinth? (II Corinthians 11:13)

10) What kinds of workers were these false apostles who were turning themselves into apostles of Christ at Corinth? (II Corinthians 11:13)

11) From whom did these deceitful workers, false apostles, at Corinth get their example? (II Corinthians 11:14)

12) Into what is Satan transformed? (II Corinthians 11:14)

13) According to Paul it is no great thing if Satan's ministers be transformed as the ministers of what? (II Corinthians 11:15)

14) Paul would not be thought as what even though he boasted a little? (II Corinthians 11:16)

15) What would be the end of Satan's ministers? (II 1Corinthians 1:15)

16) When Paul boasted a little he spoke it not after whom? (II Corinthians 11:17)

17) Who suffered fools gladly? (II Corinthians 11:19)

18) Not only did the Corinthians suffer (tolerate) fools. Name 5 other things they tolerated. (II Corinthians 11:20)

19) When Paul wrote “I am bold also” how does he say he was speaking? (II Corinthians 11:21)

20) What 3 terms does Paul use to prove his lineage? (II Corinthians 11:22)

21) How many times did Paul receive 39 stripes of the Jews? (II Corinthians 11:24)

22) How many times was Paul beaten with rods? (II Corinthians 11:25)

23) How many times was Paul shipwrecked? (II Corinthians 11:25)

24) How many times was Paul stoned? (II Corinthians 11:25)

25) In Paul’s many journeys list the perils (dangers) he endured as found in: (II Corinthians 11:26)

26) Besides weariness and painfulness, in watching often, list what else Paul endured for the cause of Christ in: (II Corinthians 11:27)

27) “Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily” what other care rested upon Paul? (II Corinthians 11:28)

28) Finish this quote, “If I must need glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine _____.” (II Corinthians 11:30)

29) To whose knowledge does Paul refer as proof of his sufferings for the cause of Christ? (II Corinthians 11:31)

30) What did the governor in Damascus desire to do to Paul? (II Corinthians 11:32)

31) Who was king when the governor of Damascus tried to apprehend Paul? (II Corinthians 11:32)

32) How did Paul escape from the City of Damascus? (II Corinthians 11:33)

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

2) How did Paul desire to present the Corinthians to Christ? (2)

3) What was Paul fearful of concerning the Corinthians? (3)

4) What were they seemingly willing to put up with? (4)

5) In what area did Paul concede that he was untrained? In what area was this not so? (6)

6) What practice of Paul evidently was used as a charge against him? (7)

7) While at Corinth, from whom did Paul receive support? (8-9)

8) Why would Paul continue the practice of not accepting support from the Corinthians? (12)

9) How does Paul describe these opponents of his? (13)

10) How does Satan often transform himself? And his ministers? (14-15)

11) How did Paul view the confidence of boasting? (17)

12) Then why does Paul engage in such boasting? (18-19)

13) In what three ways was Paul equal to his opponents? (22)

14) List five things endured by Paul as a minister of Christ (24-25)

15) If Paul must boast, in what would he boast? (30)

16) What event does he relate as an example of his infirmity? (31-33)