

2 Corinthians chapter 3

In the last verse of chapter two Paul writes *“For we are not like so many others, hucksters who peddle the word of God for profit, but we are speaking in Christ before God as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God.”* What evidence of his authenticity and authority does he offer in 3:1-3?

What is the source of Paul's authority as an apostle [4-6]?

What is different about the new covenant, as Paul describes it in 6-18? One ministry produces _____, the other ministry produces _____.

Is Paul speaking only of himself, or of himself and his team of fellow ministers, or is he speaking about all believers?

2 Corinthians chapter 6

How would one receive the grace of God in vain [1-12]? What are “weapons of righteousness” [7]?

Verses 14-18 are often discussed in the context of selecting marriage partners. The phrase “come out from their midst” has been used to justify people leaving churches for a variety of reasons throughout history. Given the context of this chapter, and of Paul's relationship with the Corinthian church, what is this talk of separation primarily concerned with?

2 Corinthians chapter 11

What fear did Paul have regarding the Corinthians [3-4]?

In verse 5 Paul begins a long argument against the “super-apostles”. He says “I robbed other churches”[8] and “what I am doing I will continue to do”[12] as if those were good things – why?

“You are so wise”[19]; what makes this statement so ironic? Who is the fool?

Next week: Galatians chapters 1, 3, and 5.