# Lesson 9: II Corinthians

* WRITER: “Paul, called to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God.”
* THEME: The true gospel ministry for Christ. (4:5; 5:18-21; 6:1, 11-18; 10:12-18) 🡺He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.🡸 II Cor. 10:17; I Cor. 1:31; Jer. 9:23,24
* OUTLINE:

Introduction – 1:1,2

1. Paul delayed his visit to Corinth to spare them the embarrassment, not because of lightness. 1:17,23; 1:12 – 2:5
2. Obedient in all things. 2:9, 6-11
3. The apostle’s knowledge of the enemy’s devices gained through many hard learning experiences.
4. The apostle’s testimony 2:14-17
5. The apostle’s ministry 3:1-7:16
6. Instructions for the collection for the saints in Jerusalem. 8:1 – 9:15
7. Paul defending his ministry. 10:1 – 12:21
8. Paul’s last warnings to the Corinthians. 13:1-10
9. Be encouraged and then encourage others. 13:11-14

**Introduction – 1:1,2**

1. Comfort in true gospel ministry is gained in trusting God while suffering tribulation.

a. We are comforted to comfort. 1:4

b. We are challenged to suffer for His Name’s sake. 1:6,7; 11:23

2. Trust in God that raiseth the dead.

1:8-11 Gen. 22:1-18 Heb. 11:17-19

a. Deliverance is progressive. 1:10

(1) “*Who delivered us from so great a death”*

(2) “*Doth deliver*” - Sanctification,

Sanctification is a work of God’s grace that continues to progress unto perfection by obeying the truth. John 17:17 “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*” You cannot continue in your sin and still be saved. Sanctification begins at Salvation not something that starts later.You don’t gradually become saved.

(3) “*He will yet deliver us*” - Glorify Himself in us

b. Prayer is necessary to help. 1:11

Prayer is the key that unlocks the door. Prayer is a priceless treasure. Prayer changes things. Prayer has eternal benefits. Consistent prayer is the hardest work you will ever do.

c. A good conscience with no hidden motives is expressed.

1:12-24; 2:1-5

d. The trustworthiness of the messenger affects the trustworthiness of the message. 1:15-20

e. The power to be established even through adversity is of the Holy Ghost. 1:22, 23

3. Paul delayed his visit to Corinth to spare them the embarrassment, not because of lightness.1:17, 23; 1:12 – 2:5; II Cor.12:20

4. Obedient in all things. 2:9, 6-11

5. The apostle’s ministry 3:1-7:16

1) “Epistles of Christ” 3:3

2) “Able ministers of the New Testament” 3:6

3) “Changed into the same image from glory to glory.”

3:18

4) “As we have received mercy we faint not.” 4:1-4

5) We preach Christ Jesus the Lord. 4:5,6

6) Triumphant through tribulations. 4:7-18

7) Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.” 5:11, 1-13

8) “The love of Christ constraineth us.” 5:14-16

9) “Hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.” 5:17-21

10) “We are ambassadors for Christ.” 5:20

11) “Workers together with Him” 6:1 – 7:1

12) The report of Titus 7:2-16

5. Instructions concerning the collection for the saints in Jerusalem.

8:1 – 9:15

6. Paul defending his ministry. 10:1 – 12:21

7. Paul’s last warnings to the Corinthians. 13:1-10 (10:8; 13:10)

a. “*I will not spare*” (In battle) 13:2

Paul declared war on anybody who opposed the authority of God’s Word.

b. “*Examine yourselves*” 13:5

8. Be encouraged and then encourage others. 13:11-14

II Cor. 13:11—*Finally, brethren,* ***farewell.*** *Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

II Cor. 1:4—*Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*