

II CORINTHIANS

An Outline: Paul is Defending:

His Movements, 1:1-2:11

His Ministry, 2:12-7:16

The Money, 8:1-9:15

His Motives, 10:1-12:13

Their Meeting, 12:14-13

Some of the Issues

1. From the viewpoint of the Corinthians:

Paul's love

Paul's motives

Paul's authority

Paul's sphere of influence

2. From Paul's viewpoint:

Paul was disappointed that the Corinthians did not come to his defense before his detractors.

3. From the viewpoint of his detractors:

These teachers denied Paul's apostolic calling and authority and attempted to turn the Corinthians' loyalty away from Paul and to themselves.

Paul on the Defensive: II Corinthians (Handout # 2)

1). Defending his movements, ch. 1--2

a) Paul's troubles, 1:1-11

(God comforted Paul in his troubles since troubles did not undermine his apostleship but affirmed it.)

b) Paul's travels, 1:12-22

(Paul changed his travel plans to give them time to repent rather than face divine judgment; he did this because he loved them. He had also sent Titus to represent himself to them.)

c) Paul's transparency, 1:23-2:4

(Paul revealed the selflessness and purity of his thinking to them.)

d) Paul's triumphs, 2:5-17

(Paul knew he was in a victory procession with Christ the conqueror.)

2) Defending his ministry, ch. 3-7

a. Paul had a glorious ministry, 3:1-18

-- Living letters, 3:1-3

--The New Covenant, 3:4-6

--Glory, more glory, 3:7-11

--Veiled glory, 3:12-14

--Growing glory, 3:15-18