

All Scripture, up to the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion, looks forward to the cross, and has primarily in view Israel, and the blessing of the earth through the Messsianic kingdom.

In his letters to seven Gentile churches, the church, is fully revealed, and fully instructed as to her unique place in the counsels and purposes of God.

The doctrines of grace which were concealed in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

- 1. The nature and purpose of the law.
- 2. The ground and means of the believer's justification, sanctification, and glorification.
- 3. The meanings of the death of Christ.
- 4. The position, walk, expectation, and service of the Christian.

II Corinthians

WRITER: The Apostle Paul

DATE: A.D. c57 or c60; probably from Philippi, after the events of Acts 19:23 (NASB)

THEME: Paul's Authority

The most dangerous sect in Corinth was that which said, "*and I of Christ.*"

They also rejected the new revelation through Paul of the doctrines of grace.

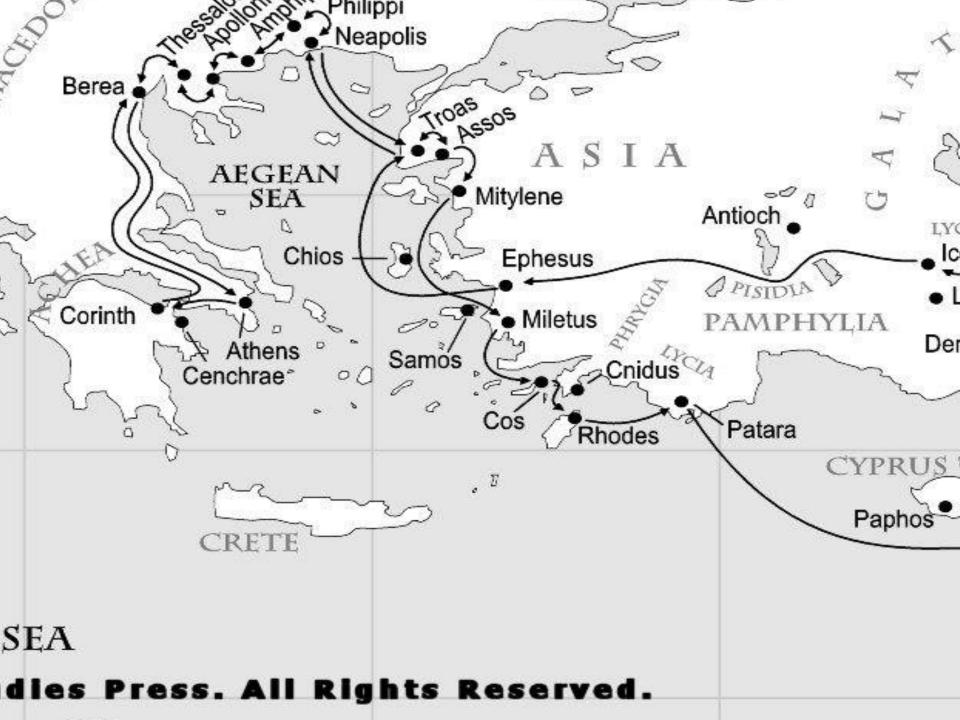
This made necessary a defense of the origin and extent of **Paul's apostolic authority**.

The Epistle is in three major parts:

I. Paul's principle of Action in His Ministry, his explanation of his conduct 1:12-7:16

II. Concerning the Collection for The Poor In Jerusalem 8:1-9:15

III. Paul's Defense of His Apostolic Authority 10:1-13:10





The circumstances through which he had passed evidently fitted him for the work in hand.

Personal experience is used for the help of others in their trials.

Their edification was the nearest object of his heart, next to the glory of the Lord.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

Apostle's best meaning is ambassador.

Apostle of Jesus Christ By the will of God

Paul always establishes authority first.

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Recipients: The church of God at Corinth. And to the saints in southern Greece.

This letter was to be passed along to other churches.



² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace: Most important idea in all of Paul's teaching.

Grace: Unmerited favor, unlimited favor, and unsolicited favor.

It is a spontaneous move of God towards us.

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Where there is faithfulness, we often see what appears to be heaviest trials but in truth it is for the display of the sustaining power of grace that others may see and learn. - R. Beacon

When the heart is made full with the rich blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ, it will not turn back to gnaw upon itself. - J.N. Darby