



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**





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Massalia

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Puteoli

Thessalonica

Philippi

Nicomedia

**GALATIA**

Iconium

Tarsus

Antioch

Duro

Euro

**ASIA**

Ephesus

Corinth

Athens

**ACHAIA**

Paphos

Damascus

Carthago Nova

Hippo Regius

**AFRICA**

Syracuse

Carthage

Gortyna

Jerusalem

Mediterranean Sea

Alexandria

Cyrene

**EGYPT**

Thebes

Red Sea

SAHARA DESERT

Empire at its greatest extent (A.D. 117)

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.

*<sup>1</sup> 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..





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<sup>2</sup> *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