

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

2 CORINTHIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To affirm Paul's ministry, defend his apostolic authority, and refute the false teachers in Corinth.

Author

Paul

Date

Written from Macedonia about AD 55-57

Audience

To the church in Corinth and Christians everywhere

Setting

This is really the fourth letter that Paul sent to the church he founded in Corinth. Two are now lost (1 Corinthians being the second of these letters). Most of the church had responded in the right spirit to the strong words which he used in 1 Corinthians to correct and teach them. Yet, there were those who still denied Paul's authority and questioned his motives. He sees a close tie between their acceptance of his apostleship and the genuineness of their faith.

Special Features

This letter is intensely personal and autobiographical.



Key Verses

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (4:7 NIV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (5:17 ESV)

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (5:21 ESV)

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (12:9 ESV)

Key People

Paul, Timothy, Titus, false teachers

Key Places

Corinth, Jerusalem