

2 Corinthians

Chapter 13b

I. The Corinthians' Immaturity

- A. Unimpressed with Christ's Gentleness and Meekness – 2 Cor. 10:1, 10
- B. Impressed with False Apostles display of power – 2 Cor. 11:19-21
- C. They sought a sign as Proof of Paul's Apostleship
 - 1. Miracles were one proof of an apostle – 2 Cor. 11:12; Acts 4:33; 8:14-19; Gal.3:1-5; Heb. 2:14
 - 2. Transmission of miracles was proof of an apostle – Acts 8:13-19; 16:19:1-7
 - 3. The Pharisees sought a sign from Jesus as proof of his apostleship – Heb. 3:1; Matt. 16:1-4; Jo. 8:49

II. The Relationship Between Christ and Paul's Authority

- A. Christ was crucified because of "Weakness."
 - 1. Not because of physical weakness or moral infractions - 2 Pet. 2:22
 - 2. Crucified because of non-retaliation – 2 Pet. 2:21-23
 - a. Voluntarily – Isa. 53:7, 8; Jo. 10:17, 18
 - b. Obediently – Phil. 2:5-8
 - i. From divinity to humanity
 - ii. From being served to serving
- B. Christ lives by the Power (Authority) of God
 - 1. Christ's authority to discipline is connected to His resurrection – 2 Tim. 4:1, 2
 - 2. Paul's authority is connected to the resurrection power of Christ by God – v.4
 - a. Their questioning of Paul's authority was against Christ – v. 4
 - b. Also, the Pharisees questioning of Christ was against God – Matt. 21:23-27

III. The Plea for Self-Examination

- A. Determines Position rather than Proof: "in the faith"
 - 1. Those told to consider their position
 - a. Adam – "Where are thou?" (Gen. 3:9)
 - b. Elijah – "Why are you here?" (1 Kgs. 19:9, 13)
 - c. Saul – "Have you obeyed the voice of the Lord?" (1 Sam. 15:22)
 - 2. Consideration of Position unless rebbrates
 - a. They needed to examine their faith unless they were counterfeit
 - b. If their faith was genuine then Paul's apostleship had to be genuine
- B. The Avoidance of Wrongdoing
 - 1. Paul appeals for honesty and not evil
(If they fail to repent then they would do evil)
 - 2. One can do nothing against the truth but for it

IV. Paul's Conclusion

- A. Be Complete
- B. Be of Good Comfort
- C. Be of One Mind and Live in Peace