

STUDY GUIDE

BIB351B

The Book of Second Corinthians

- 1) Identify the sequence of events at Corinth that led up to the writing of Second Corinthians.
- 2) Why does God comfort us in all of our situations? (chapter 1)
- 3) Identify three accusations which seemed to have been leveled against Paul by the Corinthians?
- 4) Why did Paul postpone his visit to Corinth?
- 5) Instead of letters of commendation, what did Paul say was his commendation or recommendation?
- 6) What was the more excellent ministry that Paul referred to in chapter 4?
- 7) Who did Paul say was hidden from the truth? Who was responsible for this? For what purpose?
- 8) Characterize the difference between the new covenant and the old covenant by giving three salient points.
- 9) Paul says that even today there is a veil that keeps us from understanding God's Word. What do you think is that veil?
- 10) In the New Testament, there are two words for "new." Each of them has a slightly different connotation. What do the two words refer to?
- 11) We are ambassadors for Christ. What does it mean to be an ambassador?
- 12) What was the difference between the Greeks and Romans concept of the body and the Christian point of view?
- 13) In chapter 6, Paul spells out several dilemmas which he was in, and these could be classified either as internal conflicts or external conflicts. Identify two such conflicts in each of these classes of conflicts.
- 14) What is the difference between "godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow?"
- 15) For what project was Paul collecting money from the churches?
- 16) What seemed to have some of the accusations against Paul concerning the issue of money? How did Paul respond?
- 17) Why did Paul not receive personal offerings from the Corinthian Church? How did the church respond to this?
- 18) What was significance of Paul mentioning the Macedonia Church's giving?
- 19) From chapter 8, Paul uses five arguments to appeal to the Corinthians to give. Name three of these arguments.
- 20) Summarize Paul's description of the kind of giver that pleases God.
- 21) In what general way would chapters 10-13 be different from chapters 1-9?
- 22) What is an explanation for the break in the Paul's tone between chapters 9 and 10?
- 23) Why did Paul give to boasting in chapter 11?
- 24) What was Paul's final conclusion concerning his credentials for being an apostle? What did he glory in?
- 25) What three claims did the false teachers at Corinth make that Paul asserts that he could equal?
- 26) Name three historical theories concerning Paul's thorn in the flesh.
- 27) What does Paul say was his thorn in the flesh? What was its purpose? What was God's response to Paul's request to remove it?
- 28) Name two arguments for the claim that Paul's thorn in the flesh was bad eyesight.
- 29) What was the Persian concept of "paradise?"
- 30) What is the "third heaven?"
- 31) What was Paul's experience with the "third heaven?"
- 32) Identify five marks of the unchristian church that we discussed in class.
- 33) In the last chapter of Second Corinthians, Paul closes with four things. What are they?