

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR 2 CORINTHIANS LESSON 1

1. What situation relating to 1 Corinthians 5 prompted Paul to write about “the God of all comfort” in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4?
2. Read the following three passages, and then summarize in your own words the basic thrust of them (combined, not individually): (a) 1 Peter 5:7; (b) Psalm 46:1; and (c) Romans 8:31.
3. In keeping with the tone and tenor of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52,57, what is the “victory” that Christians receive if they remain faithful. Consider in your answer Philippians 1:21.
4. The writer of the Book of Hebrews said that Christians were to “exhort one another daily.” What is the purpose in such an admonition?
5. How were some members of the church in Corinth treating a brother who had been living in sin, but who had repented? What is the message in this scenario for us today?
6. Why would one Christian “look down his nose” at another Christian who had sinned? In addition to explaining the cause for this, comment on it in light of such passages as Romans 3:23 and 6:23.
7. What is the message of 2 Corinthians 2:14 and 3:5?
8. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus compared Christians to “a light.” What was His point?
9. How are Christians “an aroma leading to life”?
10. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, Satan is referred to as “the god of this world.” Yet in 1 John 4:4, John taught: “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” What was John’s point? How does this relate to 2 Corinthians 2:14?
11. Paul told the Corinthian Christians that he had suffered much, and had even “had the sentence of death” in himself (2 Cor. 1:8-10). Yet he told the Christians in Philippi that “for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” What is the correlation between the two passages?
12. When a man in the Corinthian church who had been living in sin finally repented, Paul said: “I urge you to reaffirm your love to him” (2 Cor. 2:8). Why did Paul consider this to be essential?
13. Paul remarked that “some” in the first century were “peddling the Word of God.” What did he mean by that?