

# Thankful For God

*Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:17*

How did Paul's opening greeting differ from that found in the typical Hellenistic letters of his day?

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What did Paul list that he was thankful to God for?

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What is the purpose for suffering as a Christian? What should the Christian attitude be toward suffering?

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What are the four works of God Paul lays out that enables a believer to serve Him and what do they do for the believer?

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What instruction did Paul give the Corinthians for dealing with the wrongdoer in their midst? What can we learn about dealing with troublemakers in today's church?

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Why did Paul consider the punishment given to the wrongdoer sufficient? What were Paul's concerns regarding this person? What can we learn from Paul's concern?

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Why was Paul anxious as he as he awaited the report from Titus?

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Why was Paul joyful in verses 14-17?

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# No Recommendation / Jars of Clay

*Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-4:18*

What was the purpose of a recommendation letter in Paul's day? Why did he insist on not needing one? What did he base the competency of his ministry on?

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Paul contrasted the new and old covenants. Why is the new covenant superior?

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What happens when a person "turns to" the Lord and removes the "veil" covering his or her heart?

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How is the believer transformed into the likeness of God?

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What did Paul mean when he called Satan the “power of this age”?

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What did Paul mean by his analogy of treasure to clay jars?

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What was Paul’s point in his discussion of the five crisis situations that endanger frail clay jars?

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Paul made a series of contrasts relating to the believer’s future glory. What are these contrasts and what truths do they convey?

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# Not Home Yet / Unequally Yoked

*Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-6:18*

What was Paul's view of the afterlife in this chapter?

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What was Paul's motive for ministry? What was his message?

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What is the "new creation"? Who participates in it?

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What does it mean to be reconciled to God? What does this involve? How is it possible?

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As Paul appealed to the Corinthians to reconcile with him, he quoted Isaiah 49:8. Why did he select this verse from the Old Testament?

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What is the point of Paul's recounting his sufferings in the ministry of the gospel?

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Was Paul ready for reconciliation from the Corinthians? What step had he taken? What step did the Corinthians have to take?

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Paul suspected that the Corinthians had a love for the world. What key point did he make?

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# Affirming Corinth / Giving

*Read 2 Corinthians 7:1-8:24*

What was Paul's appeal in chapter 7 verse 2? Why did he make this appeal?

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Paul made 3 statements defending his integrity. What did these statements accomplish for Paul and the Corinthians?

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What news did Titus bring from Corinth? What was Paul's response?

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Why did Paul not regret sending the Corinthians such a harsh letter?

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According to Paul, what would giving to the believers in Jerusalem accomplish besides meeting their financial needs?

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Why were the Macedonian believers an example for the Corinthians? How did Paul expect them to respond?

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What were Paul's guidelines for giving?

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Why did Paul enlist helpers for Titus?

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# How To Give / Paul's Defense

*Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-10:18*

What guidelines does Paul offer for Christian giving?

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Paul told his readers that Christian giving is based on the biblical understanding of God. What do we know about God that shapes our view of giving?

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What results of Christian giving did Paul mention?

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What is God's indescribable gift?

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Paul’s approach to dealing with the Corinthians was one of meekness and gentleness. What do these terms mean? Why is it important for Christians to take this approach?

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What is the “stronghold” that Paul referred to in verse 4?

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How did Paul assert his authority with the Corinthians? What point did he drive home?

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What did Paul consider to be the limits of his ministry?

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# Suffering for Christ / Sufficient Grace

*Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-12:21*

What was the “foolishness” Paul took part in? Why did he ask the Corinthians to indulge him?

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Why did Paul refuse financial support from the Corinthians? Why was this decision a problem for false teachers?

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What is a false teacher? Why are they dangerous to the church? How prevalent are they in today’s church?

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What are the credentials of a true servant of Christ?

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What kind of vision did Paul have? What was the purpose of relating it to the Corinthians?

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What did Paul mean by a “thorn in my flesh”? Why did God allow Satan to so afflict Paul?

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What are the marks of an apostle? What does each convey about Paul’s ministry?

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Why did Paul list the eight sins in verses 19-21? What was he hoping to accomplish by discussing them?

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# Final Warnings and Exhortations

*Read 2 Corinthians 13:1*

Why did Paul issue such a stern warning in verse 2?

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Paul commanded the Corinthians to “examine themselves” and “test themselves”. What did Paul mean by these? What was his goal?

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What were the exhortations Paul left for the Corinthians and how applicable are they today for our church?

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Describe Paul’s benediction in verse 14. What makes it unique?

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