

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson: Introduction to II Corinthians

Scripture: II Corinthians

Written: By Paul, 56 AD

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Romans

Lesson Text:

Acts 19:8-10	2 Years in “Asia” – writes I Corinthians,
Acts 20:1-3	Immediately after leaving school of Tyrannus – II Corinthians
2 Corinthians 1:1	Achaia = Greece
2 Corinthians 1:2	Addressed specifically to believers in Greece, extends to all believers by nature of content in most areas, i.e. spiritual and historic truths
Bible Handbook¹	Review the third missionary journey.
2 Corinthians 1-7	Discussion of spiritual nature of the ministry, especially regarding Paul’s ministry
2 Corinthians 8-9	Discussions regarding Giving
2 Corinthians 10-13	Paul defends himself, his ministry, and his apostolic authority

2 Corinthians Highlights:

2 Corinthians 5:17	Newness of Christian life – a new creature
2 Corinthians 6:14-18	Christian separation – a spiritual creature

Discussion:

- Note the reactionary nature of II Corinthians:
 - Problems and accusations from Corinth
 - Need for \$\$ contributions
 - Reestablishing Paul’s authority
- Understand the reactionary basis for the specific address of the book, compare 2 Corinthians 1:2 to 1 Corinthians 1:2
- Notice Paul’s defensive dialogue, this points to antagonists inside the church! (as well as recent harrowing attacks from outside the church)
- Anyone else have favorite passages from II Corinthians?

¹ The Wilkinson & Boa Bible Handbook AKA Talk Thru the Bible