

One Shepherd's Thoughts...

2 CORINTHIANS



Today we begin a series of sermons on Second Corinthians. Not many people are familiar with 2nd Corinthians because it's a bit difficult to read and understand. Scholars believe the letter is really a series of letters from Paul to the church in Corinth. Second Corinthians is probably one of Paul's most difficult letters to decipher.

For one thing, its tone swings widely back and forth like a pendulum—from expressing deep love to angry rebuke. For another, it does not seem to proceed in a logical fashion, at least to contemporary readers. As I said—many modern interpreters have thought it to be a composite of several letters. Yet the letter also expresses profound ideas that have had a tremendous influence not only on the history of theology but on much of western thought. This letter has much to say about ministry inherited from the apostles: what it is about, how the gospel gets communicated, and what constitutes authentic Christian community. Paul deals with these themes while addressing some very practical tasks—such as defending his ministry while seeking reconciliation, raising funds for the poor, and countering competitors who are challenging his ministry and—in his view—abusing the Corinthians and leading them astray.

Throughout Paul depicts how his own life experience—with all its surprising changes—becomes the location where Christ's overflowing sufferings and consolation reproduce the gospel to others in such a way that authentic community might be formed. "

In responding to these challenges to his mission and ministry, Paul seeks to translate—not just in theory but in his actual practice—how God's mercy

and consolation actually helps us bear suffering, sin, and death, overflowing within and through our relationships with others into expanding communities that embody and proclaim God's reconciliation of the entire world (5:18-19).

God is with us, Rev Day

"Praise be to the Father of our Lord Jesus christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who omforts us in ALL our troubles, so that We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God". 2 Cor. 1:3-4

Brandon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is pleased to announce we will be offering in-person worship once again starting next Sunday, July 12, 2020. You should have received an email from the church with a letter from Steve Benitez, along with the poster to the right.

This information was also in the July Good News and has been posted on the website. Please familiarize yourself with BCC's new policies should you decide to gather inperson. Thanks so much!

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