

## II CORINTHIANS

### I. Random Data

- A. Date: (ca 56 AD..about 1 and 1/2 years after 1st Corinthians.. and there is always debate among scholars on such things)
- B. Point of origin: Macedonia (2:13, 7:5-7, 8:1, 9:2-4)
- C. Number of letters (just a quick review of this problem)
- D. Occasion: Response to the developments in the Corinthian community after its reception of 1st letter and subsequent direction:
  - Paul (apparently) expected Titus to report at Troas  
2:12-13
  - Titus did not show up
  - Paul goes to Macedonia
  - Titus does show up ..7:5-7
  - Paul is gratified...
- E. Consequent purpose in writing:
  - rejoice in reconciliation
  - discuss an offering for the Jerusalem church
  - defend apostolic ministry (Paul's) and authority
- F. Outline:
  - I. Introduction 1:1-7
  - II. Reconciliation 1:8-7:16
  - III. Giving 8:1-9:15
  - IV. Apostolic defense 10:1-13:4
  - V. Conclusion 13:5-14
- G. Text witness: Polycarp (ca 150 AD)
- H. Canonical note:

### II. Content summary

- A. Overall theme: Apostolic authority is exercised in godly concern for the health of the church (and it can be said with less words)
- B. The introduction: Note the stress words..see the emphasis on the comforting that comes as a result of tribulation and how those who share in grief are able to share in healing. The great giver of health is God. The introduction is built on a realization of the overcoming of a grievous situation and anticipates a state of health as a result.