

Lesson 5
2 Corinthians 1-5
Be Faithful to Christ

Read 2 Corinthians 1-5 to complete the following.

1. A man who had been living wrong had repented. Paul encouraged them to do what? (2 Corinthians 2:7) _____ What had Jesus taught? (Matthew 6:14-15) _____

2. Paul taught people about Jesus everywhere he went. Why? (2 Corinthians 2:15-16) _____
_____ What does this mean? _____

3. What did Paul understand about teaching? (2 Corinthians 4:1-2) _____

4. Will everyone understand and believe? (2 Corinthians 4:3-4) _____ Why or why not? _____
_____ Who is the god of this world? _____ Are we to still tell others about Jesus? _____ Who reveals Jesus to the heart? (2 Corinthians 4:6)

5. Who does God use to accomplish His plan? (2 Corinthians 4:7) _____
Did Paul ever find that difficult? (2 Corinthians 4:8-11) _____ How? _____
_____ What did Paul say about the difficulty? (2 Corinthians 4:13-14) _____

6. What does 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 tell us? _____

7. What does 2 Corinthians 5:6-11 tell us to do? _____

Answers:

1. Just as Christ forgave each Christian, each Christian is to forgive their fellow brother or sister in Christ once their course has been corrected; “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Jesus taught to forgive others, inexhaustibly;

2. “For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one *we are* the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.”; This means that everywhere Paul went he shared Jesus and the doctrine of salvation – making it known in “every place.” Because of the life Paul lived and the doctrine of salvation he shared, wherever Paul went, the people were called to a time of decision – either accept Jesus, or reject Jesus;

3. Paul emphasized the importance of teaching God’s Truth. He was not dishonest, crafty, or deceitful in the way he taught the Gospel or doctrines of Jesus. Instead, he made it not only visible in his life but also observable in his lifestyle. It was more than words;

4. No; If one does not receive or understand the Gospel message, it is because it is hidden from them by the god of this world; Satan; Yes; God commands the light to shine out of darkness into our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ;

5. God uses people, in all of their frailty to share the Gospel message; Yes; Paul had much trouble and persecution, but he was not forsaken or destroyed; Paul understood the importance of always making sure he lived for Jesus no matter what so that others could see Jesus in his life, allowing them the opportunity to believe in Jesus;

6. Paul gained the strength to continue in the ministry, remembering that this world and its things will pass away, we so we are to look toward heavenly things which are eternal;

7. Paul understood that God had much work for Christians to do here on earth: teaching Jesus. We are to understand that each Christian will stand before the Lord one day to give an accounting of our faithfulness in our Christian walk, “*whether it be good or bad.*”;