



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Third Quarter/Fourth of Thirteen Sundays

**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

New Testament #8

**2 CORINTHIANS**

Key Theme

**Reconciliation. Paul writes to reconcile with the church and to defend his authority as an apostle.**

Author

*Paul the apostle, written in Macedonia, AD 55-56.*

Recipients

The Church at Corinth

Interesting Facts about 2 Corinthians

1. Paul wrote at least four, and perhaps five, letters to the Corinthians. All but two (1 and 2 Corinthians) have been lost.
2. Second Corinthians 8-9 contains the most important passage in the New Testament on the responsibilities and joys of giving to support the Lord's work.
3. Paul's famous "thorn in the flesh" passage describes a mysterious ailment or demonic attack which plagued him throughout his ministry (12:7). Scholars speculate on what this "thorn" was.
4. Paul's "resume" is a listing of the great suffering he underwent for the gospel (11:21-33).
5. Some people believe that 2 Corinthians 10-13 is actually the severe and sorrowful letter of 2 Corinthians 2:4; 7:8, attached later by an editor. Others think it is a fifth letter which Paul wrote to the church after he sent 2 Corinthians. More likely, it is an original part of 2 Corinthians.

Overview

Corinth was a key crossroads for commerce and communication. Originally a Greek city, Corinth was destroyed by Rome in 146 BC and rebuilt by Julius Caesar in 44 BC.

March Birthdays

- 3 Gail Lovelace
- 5 Andrew Vance
- 10 Patti Carden
- 13 Tyler McQueen
- 14 Barbara Brashaw
- 15 Kim Birchfield
- 16 Cindy Clawson
- 19 Taylor Lyons
- 23 Tyler Lewis
- 28 Jenamae Lewis



*How do you shape your days?*

Thomas Carlyle, a Scottish Historian and Essayist, wrote: Every day that is born into the world comes like a burst of music and rings the whole day through, and you make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march, as you will."