Bible Story: Paul's Letters

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1 2 Corinthians: Paul's Defense of His True Apostleship

2 Corinthians 7:10; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 2 Corinthians 13:5

- In 2 Corinthians 2, we find that man had been withdrawn from, and he had repented, and now Paul says to the brethren, receive him back lest he be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow.
- Church discipline is one of those lost dimensions of Christianity. And yet if the Bible teaches anything, it teaches us the necessity of discipline.
- So repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of action.
- For ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though it were rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich.
- We're taught in 2 Corinthians 9 6 and 7 to give generously, liberally, cheerfully, and not grudgingly.
- Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith, prove your own selves lest you be reprobate.

2 Galatians: The Old Law Had Fulfilled Its Purpose

Galatians 2:21; Galatians 5; Galatians 6:14

- The book of Galatians, in six chapters, is a very systematic and logical book. It tells us that the old law had fulfilled its purpose.
- I do not frustrate the grace of God. If righteousness cometh by the law, Christ died in vain.
- Those who've been baptized into Christ are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.
- The superiority of the new covenant is stressed in Galatians.
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance, meekness. Against such there is no law.
- But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

3 Ephesians: God's Eternal Purpose, Christ and the Church

Ephesians 3:21; Ephesians 4; Ephesians 6

- It tells of God's eternal purpose, Christ and the church.
- Unto God be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, amen.
- When you touch Christ, you touch the church. If you're in Christ, you're in the church.
- When men say the church is not essential, they're saying Christ is not essential.
- There is one body, one baptism, one Lord, one faith, one hope.
- And then in Ephesians 6, he tells us that the church of the Lord is the army of God.

4 Philippians: A Letter of Praise and Commendation

Philippians 1:21; Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:22

- The book of Philippians is a beautiful little four-chapter book that is a letter of praise and commendation.
- Philippians chapter 1, Christ is the purpose of my life. For to me to live is Christ.
- Christ is the pattern of my life. Let this mind be in you, which also was in Christ.
- Chapter 3, Christ is the prize of my life. I press on toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- And then chapter 4, Christ is the power of my life. I can do all things through Christ, who empowers me, who gives me strength.
- There are even saints in Caesar's household.

MY NOTES