

Notes on 2 Cor 12-13

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Introduction: **Second Corinthians chapter 12:21-13:5** are by many believed to point to the fact that Salvation by God through Jesus Christ is provisional. In other words one could lose the salvation of their soul. Some significant questions have to be answered.

- 1 Is the salvation of ones soul of that person's design or is it the divine design of an all powerful God?
2. Is your God the Great I Am or is he or she a god of your design?
3. Do you fit into God plan or is God's plan of Salvation for your soul for the Glory of God? These are just a few of the inquiry Man needs to answer in regard to the eternal dwelling of their soul.
4. Who does the saving? God or man himself?

First in order to appreciate God's plan of Salvation one must be saved.

Acts 4:12 KJV Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

All Verses KJV

2 Cor 12:1 KJV It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

Facts :

1. Paul was a man the Lord picked for his desire to do the will of God. There are lost souls that have a want to serve a Great God, but are going about it the wrong way. These people need to let God direct their lives. If you aren't dead God has a purpose for you.
Paul had a very material encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus.
Acts 9:3-6. Yes Jesus should be your Lord.
2. There are numerous recorded visions of Paul. **Acts 16:9-18:9; Acts 22:17-18; Acts 23:11; Acts 26:13-15; Acts 26:23.**
Some people were allowed to witness what they saw. Usually a Vision is not witnessed. The point here is that Paul had unique disclosures from our Lord.
3. Special Souls in the Bible, both True and False prophets.
King Saul in **1 Sam 28:7** sought the advice of a witch. Witchcraft, Foretelling, séances, and so forth are not (forbidden) to be used by God's people. We as believers born again by the blood of the Lamb are to live by Faith. **Heb 2:4.**

2 Cor 12:2 KJV I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2 Cor 12:3 KJV And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2 Cor 12:4 KJV How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Facts:

- 1. The apostle Paul is speaking primary as if this was another man, perhaps because the people in Corinthian church would accuse him as boasting. The apostle always tried to be modest but spoke authoritative. There is a difference in speaking with authority and being domineering. A leader is to lead as if Christ was leading. Various born again Saints could discover a lesson from Paul in correcting and discipling his flock the Lord has entrusted to his care .**
- 2. He continue to explain this vision leading many scholars of God's word to consider Paul was the man. The messenger of God chosen by Jesus Christ for a special job, carrying the Gospel to the Greek (Gentile). Without God's utilizing of Paul and Jesus' disciples many of the saved church member would not be saved today. The saved of every Generation is responsible for carrying the Gospel Message to the next Generation. **Deut 6:7; Deut 11:19; Ps 34:11-16; Ps 71:18; Eph 6:4; Cp Exodus 4:9; Prov 1:8; Prov 4:1-13; Isa. 38:19****
- 3. Are you positive of the Salvation of your soul? Where are you going to spend eternity?**

Checking one's Salvation doesn't mean one could lose their Salvation. The devil and his workers can make any soul have misgiving about God's plan of Salvation of their soul. Sin can take away the Joy of Salvation of their soul by God. **Cp. Gal 5:22**

Nothing is worse than a soul saved by the Grace of God through the shed blood of His Son, lead to think they can lose the Salvation of their soul. It is God's plan. It is not Your Salvation. People who teach one can lose their salvation of their soul are right to teach that this can happen.

First one can not save their own soul. If they could it would be their salvation of their soul. For if the salvation was of our doing, yes we could lose it. Remember the Salvation of your soul is of eternal importance. Be sure. **John 3:16; 1 John 5:13.**

Second is you had a part in your salvation. you could surely lose it because you never had it in the first place. Again how could you lose something you never had?

Third if God does the saving then He does the Holding. **John 10:28-29.**

Here one of the rules of Biblical understanding is appropriate, it is recurring showing the importance of the message.

God's plan is just for the asking. **Exo 20:5; Eph 2:8-9.**

If we cannot work ourselves into Salvation how could we work

ourselves out of God's Salvation or keep ourselves saved by works.

1 Cor 3:14-15.

We can work out our Salvation but we can not work for our salvation. If one were to work for their salvation or had to live out their salvation that would be works and man would be boasting. How can a person teach that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and that He died for us and then turn around and say you have to live it to keep it. All it takes to undo your (**SELF**) righteousness is one sin. Christ Died only once for our sins. **1 Peter 2:24;**

There is no provision to put Christ on the Cross each time we sin.

If verses seem to contradict each other they bear examining in light of Genesis to Revelation, the Whole of God's word.

4. The heavens:

The First heaven is the Clouds down to the air we breath, The space we live and freely breath in .

The Second heaven is the stars and outer space.

The Third Heaven is where God's abode is.

From Barnes'

To the third heaven - The Jews sometimes speak of seven heavens, and Muhammad has borrowed this idea from the Jews. But the Bible speaks of but three heavens, and among the Jews in the apostolic ages also the heavens were divided into three:

- (1) The aerial, including the clouds and the atmosphere, the heavens above us, until we come to the stars.
- (2) The starry heavens, the heavens in which the sun, moon, and stars appear to be situated.
- (3) The heavens beyond the stars.

That heaven was supposed to be the residence of God, of angels, and of holy spirits. It was this upper heaven, the dwelling-place of God, to which Paul was taken, and whose wonders he was permitted to behold – this region where God dwelt; where Christ was seated at the right hand of the Father, and where the spirits of the just were assembled. The fanciful opinions of the Jews about seven heavens may be seen detailed in Schoettgen or in Wetstein, by whom the principal passages from the Jewish writings relating to the subject have been collected. As their opinions throw no light on this passage, it is unnecessary to detail them here.

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1 Kings 8:27.

5. Yes we as born again believers are headed to the Third Heaven.

2 Cor 5:8 KJV We are confident, I say,
and willing rather to be absent from the body,
and to be present with the Lord.

There is no in between. There is no Second chance after death.

6. Paul could not tell whether or not he was in his body or not, oh to be that close to God. Can you stand in his present today, this moment?

To Paul it did not matter what state he was in, the important was that he was in the present of God's Heaven. I think it was of such glory the apostle could not find words to explain or the fellow believers would have trouble understanding. People have trouble understanding Revelations today. The apostle John had to pen the book in the words he saw. **Rev 1:11**

7. Men may not believe Paul story but the one that counts Knows, God.

2Cor 12:5 KJV Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

Facts:

1. The great apostle to the Gentile could have sought the glory for himself. There were false apostles and prophets saying they were superb apostles. These were charging for preaching the Gospel and looking for the glory they were going to receive. This was to help their monetary gain.

Phili 1:18. If Christ is Preached or the Bible is read the Holy Spirit can draw them to Christ.

A. Our preachers need to be paid well. Most of the time we employ them to do what each believer should be doing. A missionary, Pastor, Preacher or anyone that is devoting their life to the Lord's work. The worse thing is a Church that keeps their Pastor under their foot in every move the pastor or his family makes. Church Members if he is not worthy of his hire move him out so someone with the joy of Christ can have a place to Do God's work. There are pastors that work at one or more jobs to support both the church and their families. A times this is a necessity.

A pastor can make their wages worthy of hire. If this happens the members should support both the church and their leaders.

I remember when my dad was working as shop foreman at a Nash Auto dealership this preacher needed another car. In the 50's-60's pastors did a lot of visiting which required travel. There was one way anything from fifteen miles to one hundred fifty miles. He needed a car that was dependable. The owners made the preacher a very good deal on a late model automobile. The pastor took the car home drove it to church the next Sunday. Monday He was back at the dealership Asking to trade down. If I remember correctly some of the deacons came with him.

They were going to fire him because he had a nicer car than them.

To the deacons the pastor was loving high on the hog. Touch Not God's anointed. The anointed does not have to just be a pastor.

1 Sam 26:7-11.

2 Cor 12:6 KJV For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool;

for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

Facts:

- 1. Every human that has been, will be, or is alive today desires to receive praise for things they do, but Paul was not going to tell a lie to get glory. "I will say the truth".**
- 2. Paul did not want to be accused or seem to be something he was not (Hippocratic). I have a friend that is a Christian that makes a statement "I am what you see." Every Born again Christian should be one person everyday of the weekday night and day and be the same on weekends.**
- 3. Through all of Paul's writings he was concerned that he would cause a brother to stumble. **Romans 14:13; Romans 14:21; Phil 1:10.** This Stumbling Block can be to cause a lost person reject Jesus Christ or to cause a born again believer to lose the joy of their Salvation. Christians have power in their lives. The Holy Ghost empowers them. **Acts 1:8; Acts 4:7; Rom 1:16; Rom 5:13; 1 Cor 1:18; Eph 3:20; Eph 6:10; 2 Tim 1:7-8; 2 Tim 3:5; Heb 4:12.****

God's Power is more powerful than anything in our known world.

God's power is supernatural.

Peter moved of God penned God's Holy word. Peter tells who Saves our souls and keeps them Saved. Faith is the only thing mentioned along with The Power of God.

The definition of Power in the bible is so great one should look it up in a dictionary. The Word Power and Powerful encompasses a meaning as magnificent as God Himself. One can not be all powerful unless it comprises the entire. We in our human body can only start to understand the enormity of our Salvation by God and of God.

1 Peter 1:5 KJV Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The supremacy is so great no wonder the writer of Hebrews included the verse. **Heb 7:25**

Heb 7:25 KJV Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

The Salvation is to deliverer once.

Albert Barnes Says it so wonderful.

Unto salvation - Not preserved for a little period, and then suffered to fall away, but so kept as to be saved. We may remark here that Peter, as well as Paul, believed in the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints. If he did not, how could he have addressed these Christians in this manner, and said that they were "kept by the power of God unto salvation?"

What evidence could he have had that they would obtain salvation, unless he believed in the general truth that it was the purpose of God to keep all who were truly converted?

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The more one studies with an open heart and mind, the healthier the Salvation of our soul and the keeping of our souls by God becomes to each believer.

Heb 2:3 KJV How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

Heb 2:4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

We can not run away, If we overlook this salvation we wind up in the lake of Fire and Brimstone For evermore.

2Cor 12:7 KJV And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2Cor 12:8 KJV For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Cor 12:9 KJV And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2Cor 12:10 KJV Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Facts:

1. Occasionally prayers are not answered the way we think it should.

Mat 18:19 KJV Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

From People's New Testament

Mt 18:19

If two of you shall agree. Two shall constitute a Christian fellowship. The united prayers of this fellowship for any legitimate object shall be heard. The assurance of this is found in the fact that Christ will be present wherever two or three are gathered in his name. Their united prayers will ascend, made mighty by the intercession of the Son of God. By his presence it becomes his prayer.

The People's New Testament (1891) by B. W. Johnson

2. Every prayer has an answer not just no.

Mat 6:8; Mat 7:7-11.

1 John 5:14 KJV And this is the confidence that we have in him, that,
if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask,
we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

These verses I believe Speak for themselves. Either the Bible speaks
or we miss interpreted the Word of God. **2 Peter 1:20.**

3. The Apostle had a thorn in the Flesh which he prayed to the Lord about
deliverance. Paul prayed Three times, the Lord answered “ My Grace is
Sufficient” God’s Grace is sufficient in the total Salvation of our Soul.

The Word of God bears out the fact God never designed anything
that was not perfect. Rom 5:8 God sent his Love in our place in the Form
of His son Jesus Christ. Our Saviour died for the sins of the world.

Heb 9:26.

Sins Past, Present, and Future. **Mat 26:28; Mark 3:28; Acts 3:19;
Acts 10:43; Rom 4:7; Gal 1:4; Eph 2:5; Heb 2:17; 1 Peter 3:18.**

In **John 17:20** Christ Prayed to the Father ones in the future that
were to be saved. **Mat 1:21.**

Heb 10:12 KJV But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for
sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Heb 10:26 KJV For if we sin wilfully after that we have received
the knowledge of the truth,
there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

4. When Believers appear weak toward the world Christ shines through a
Born Again Christian.

5. To Paul the Greatest experience is to have the supremacy of God resting in
and upon his work. The most empty feeling is to experience the power of
the Holy Ghost (Spirit) in your life and then move away from God leading
your life. We can not do anything on our own.

“For when I am weak, then am I strong”

2Cor 12:11 KJV I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me:
for I ought to have been commended of you:
for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles,
though I be nothing.

2Cor 12:12 KJV Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all
patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Facts:

1. In verse 11 Paul is Explaining the action of the Corinthians has cause him
to speak as if he was seeking Glory in order to prove himself to Paul this
was becoming a fool.

In verse 11 the word Fool has a meaning in the original.

Fool == [Grk. 878] aphron (af'-rone)

from 1 (as a negative particle) and 5424;
properly, mindless, i.e. stupid, (by implication) ignorant, (specially)
egotistic, (practically) rash, or (morally) unbelieving:--fool(-ish),
unwise.

Dictionaries of Hebrew and Greek Words taken from Strong's
Exhaustive Concordance by James Strong, S.T.D., LL.D., 1890.

There are a number of ways Aphron Could have be translated.
Egotistic is one that comes to mind in light of the Super Apostles
which were claiming to be better than Paul with more revelation.

2. Paul is trying to make the Corinthians use their own intelligent work.
They have forgotten what Paul taught through the Power of God.
This is of what he had seen and been told by God.

Theses super apostles had presented themselves as being greater than
Paul. This man, Paul became nothing in order to promote the Gospel.
Beware of leaders that state they are going to do anything. Live for God
the rest of their Life ect. **1 Tim 3:6; 1 John 2:16.** Pride is the Flesh's
Greatest Enemy We cannot be sure of anything in our life outside
the power of the Holy Ghost living in us. How do you get the Holy Ghost
(Spirit)?

It is By Salvation of our soul by Accepting the finish work of God
through His son on the Cross, Christ Death, Burial, Resurrection. The
Holy Ghost comes to reside in your heart the moment you are a Child
of God.

**Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44; Acts 11:15-18; John 3:3; John 3:6; 1 John 5:1;
1 Cor 6:19; Rom 8:9-15; 1 John 2:27; Gal 4:6.**

3. This apostle in verse 12 tells of the things they saw in him as signs of an
apostle.

Patience **Acts 14:3; Cp Heb 2:4**

Signs and Wonder **Acts 15:12**

Mighty Deeds **Acts 14:6-10; Acts 16:16-18; Acts 19:11-22;
Acts 20:6-12; Acts 28:1-10**

4. These evidences are the Proof they are of God. **James 1:25; James 2:26.**
If your Faith is dead it was never born into eternal Life. How could it be
Eternal Life if your faith is dead? They never really had the saving
faith of God.

- A. **Acts 16:16-18** tells about a demon living in a Lost person was
proclaiming that Paul and company were who they were. The demon
also was speaking declaring that they were telling the truth about the
plan of Salvation.

Yes beware a lost person even a demon was going around behind
Paul confirming they were truthfully proclaiming Christ as Saviour.

**2Cor 12:13 KJV For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be
that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.**

Facts:

- 1. Paul had done everything to keep from being a burden to the New Church at Corinthians. This apostle was a missionary while he was in Corinth. Others churches shared in Paul ministry by supporting him and his fellow workers. **2 Cor 11:7-11.****
- 2. The bible gives many examples of how believers can have strength in churches, associations, and missionaries. Each local church should be free to rule themselves using the Bible as a rule book.**

Early churches were held in houses and any place they could meet.

Acts 8:3; Phili 1.1.

Original Schofield Notes.

Phi 1:1 -

which are at

Churches (local), Summary:

A local church is an assembly of professed believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, living for the most part in one locality, who assemble themselves together in His name for the breaking of bread, worship, praise, prayer, testimony, the ministry of the word, discipline, and the furtherance of the Gospel, Heb 10:25; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 14:26; 1 Cor 5:4; 1 Cor 5:5; Phi 4:14-18; 1 Th 1:8; Acts 13:1-4.

Such a church exists where two or three are thus gathered Mat 18:20. Every such local church has Christ in the midst, is a temple of God, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3:16; 1 Cor 3:17. When perfected in organization a local church consists of "saints, with the bishops elders and deacons."

Scofield Reference Notes (1917 Edition)

by Cyrus Ingerson Scofield (1843-1921)

- 3. No one will ever know be able to say Paul had charged them for preaching the Gospel. During Paul's time there were speakers on almost any subject. The more they charged the higher in respect they were reported to be, they were considered to be more knowledgeable on a subject the more they charged. Today we would call them experts. Everyone knows what an expert is. Ex-pert, X is a has been, Pert is a drip under pressure. Today as in Paul's time there were experts that have never experienced what they were talking about and then like Paul some experts have been with the Lord and experienced his saving Power in their souls.**

In some mission fields today areas missionaries have their converts buy their bibles and ect. They have found they will keep and treasure it more, it is their own. In this arrangement the people place a greater value on the item there by keeping it..

- 4. In high school I had a dear teacher that tried to instill in us the value of an item's worth. If we would say an item was ours she would ask how much it cost. We cannot call it our own unless we worked for it. God's**

Salvation of man is hard for souls to accept because no one can work for the Salvation of their soul. Now Salvation is unmerited Grace. Romans 5:8.

Again if Salvation is unjustified Grace how can we do any thing to lost your soul to Satan. One can not lose something they never had.

The Salvation of our Soul was make available by God.

God provided it to the extreme. **Heb 7:25.**

2 Cor 12:14 KJV Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

Facts:

1. From Nelson Study Bible

12:14

for the third time I am ready to come: Paul's first visit to Corinth was on his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–18). Because of Paul's mention of a "painful visit" in 2:1, some consider Paul's second visit as occurring sometime when he was staying in Ephesus and before he wrote this letter (Acts 19:1–14). Others discount a second visit before this time. They insist that *ready* in this verse indicates that Paul had prepared to come to Corinth, but did not make the trip (see 1:15, 16, 23; 2:1–4 for evidence of this). He promised not to be burdensome, that is, to take financial support from them.

The Nelson Study Bible QuickVerse 6.0.

2. Yes when parents are down and out we should take care of them. Theses children were raised by their parents. **Eph 6:1; Cp. Mat 19:5**

Why should children be taking care of slothful parents? It is the responsibility of the parents to train and equip their children for life. This includes the Salvation of their souls.

When one leads a soul to the saving experience with the Lord. we then also have a duty to nurture them up in the Lord, God's word. **2 Tim 2:15; Cp. Prov 22:6; Col 3:20.**

There is a point that a baby not longer needs the milk, they need to learn to handle the next challenges in Life.

1 Cor 3:2; 1 Cor 9:7; Heb 5:12-13; 1 Peter 2:2.

The less mature Christian should not be teaching the older Christian. The reverse sometime is a necessity. In some areas if it was not for the younger people and the women their would be no church. Again sometimes the best place to learn is in a position of Preaching, teaching or visitations.

Before I am misunderstood lets say a young person in both age and born again age can have the freshness to be excited about the Lord.

This is the Christian attitude the world is looking for. A Christian has something great indwelling them, let it show. **Mat 5:14-16**

Spurgeon was Fifteen when he was saved. He Started preaching very Shortly after the Salvation of his soul by the Blood of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 12:15 KJV And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

2 Cor 12:16 KJV But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

2 Cor 12:17 KJV Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

Facts:

1. The Church at Corinth was a labour of Love For Paul. It appears Paul cared for them as if they were his own children, Paul exercised that kind of care.

If all leaders would treat their flock as Family members, Churches would be More on Fire for Jesus. When a family member Goes missing the rest of the family goes Looking For them. **Mat 18:12-13; Luke 15:14. If a family member is in trouble the rest share the burden. Cp. Mat 10.6 It seems the more Paul loved them the less they showed love for him. God loved us first or he would not have sent His only begotten Son once and for all. Christ died once no every time we sin. Everytime a believer sins Christ tells the father “I died for them”.**

Heb 9:12; Heb 9:26-28; Heb 10:10; 1 Peter 3:18

1 Peter 3:18 KJV For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Quicken means to make alive.

2. Paul did not let their reaction to his love modify his goal. Cp. Rom 5:8

Preachers not only preach a message but to make their message effective they have to live it. Christian have to live their witness not for or to keep the Salvation of their soul. We live a Christian’s life because we are bought with a price. **1 Cor 6:20; 1 Cor 7:23; Cp. Mat 13:46.**

Paul was the type that practiced what he preached. This apostle set the price.

3. Crafty. He had caught them (the False prophets) in their cunning.

“ones Deeds always follow were you go.”

Gal 6:7-8; James 1:22; James 2:19

4. Next in v 17 Paul ask if in any way did he take money and make a profit from them?

5. Guile == GUILLE, n. gile. Craft; cunning; artifice; duplicity; deceit; usually in a bad sense.

GUILLE, v.t. To disguise craftily.

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

G1388 ••••• dolos dol'-os

From ••••• dello (an obsolete primary probably meaning to decoy; compare G1185); a trick (bait), that is, (figuratively) wile: - craft, deceit,

guile, subtilty.
Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

2 Cor 12:18 KJV I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother.

**Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit?
walked we not in the same steps?**

**2 Cor 12:19 KJV Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before
God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.**

Facts:

- 1. The point is being brought forth that the one he sent and himself all have the same goals.**

First lead a soul to the saving Grace of God through Jesus Christ. The Gospel. **1 Cor 15:1-58.**

Second to lead them in the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's supper.

Third train the converts in the way they should go.

Salvation is by being Born Again. Discipleship is taught. Christ taught His disciples. Our Saviour instructed His followers to spread the Gospel.

Mat 28:19; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8.

Disciples of the Lord needs to be taught the way they needs to go.

Acts 1:8; Mat 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:47-48; John 20:21-23.

The Holy Ghost will call all to remembrance. **John 14:26.**

- 2. Can one teach if they try to let it pass by, the truth has to be presented.**

Any Sermon or Lesson for a Lost person is also good for the saved.

A. If a preacher never preaches about Salvation no one will bring their lost to hear the Gospel in your Church. The lost and saved will support a church and pastor that preaches on Salvation.

B. If the congeration is not inviting souls to Church or have souls for the pastor to visit. Churches have Gotten so big that Pastors do not visit any more. There is nothing wrong with Deacons Visiting. In some large churches the deacons are on committees that look after certain church members theses list change from time to time. This is Biblical. **Acts 6:2-3; Cp. Mat 10:5-11.**

If souls are not being invited to you church there may be some reason.

I. Is the Flock being feed or the Flock is Lost.

II. The leaders, preachers, and teachers have to be excited about the Gospel.

III. Before a Church can spread the Gospel the Members have to be energized. For the constituents of the Church to be thrilled they have to be saved. The Fold has to know the plan of Salvation. Many Churches Preach what is know as a social Gospel (go to church, Be a Church member, Be Good religion.) Without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Ghost) in it's members, the Building becomes nothing more than a social club.

IV. one of the loneliest feelings is to be in a church that the pastor

never calls, no one from the church calls or visit. I think this is both cruel and irresponsible as a child of God.

Preacher have used the excuse people don't want me to call or visit.

C. The Churches are to be made up of Born again Believers. These are to take care of each other. How can a Church be about it's business if neither it's pastor, deacons, teachers, youth leaders and other people in the church does not know where the others members live. I have been in churches were a soul did not show up for services and had it not been for the concern by the other members they may have died. The Pastor has to be a leader.

3. In verse 19 All things Paul does is for teaching.

2 Cor 12:20 KJV For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

2 Cor 12:21 KJV And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Facts:

1. The teacher, Paul is warning the Corinthians that unless they repent he will have to bewail them.

BEWA'IL, v.t. [be and wail.] To bemoan; to lament; to express sorrow for.

It expresses deep sorrow; as, to bewail the loss of a child.

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

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What does it mean to repent?

Repentance

(A complete reversal of one's attitude and values, i. e. a turning toward God) Attributed to God.

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2. Christians are to be long suffering. Just like the end of times in repentance. If repentance is not done judgment has to follow.

Rom 2:4; Rom 9:22; Gal 5:22; Eph 4:2; Col 1:11; Col 3:12; 1 Tim 1:16; 2 Tim 3:10; 2 Tim 4:2; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 3:9-15.

3. Vs 20-21 List the sins of the Corinthians.

4. Once saved a believer becomes a new creature (creation) **2 Cor 5:17.**

If not a change in ones life and present they may not have been saved.

The old flesh is always trying to win. The true Salvation of the Lord must be with the heart.

5. Just because God saved your soul doesn't mean one is free to sin without Chastisement. God rebuke those that are His and they will know it.

Heb 12:5-11; 2 John 1:8; Rev 22:12. This talking about the truly Saved.

A true man or woman of God will be humbled by God's dealing with all kinds of situations in their Christian experience.

Teaching is nurturing a disciple. I don't mean comprise in one's witness.

A Christian must keep on keeping on. We have to be consistent in our witness. When a believer sins they are to confess in order to grow. Sins unconfessed can break the fellowship with God a believer has.

Illustration:

David Johnston recalls asking Dr Sightler:

How far do you go in your fellowship with liberal preachers who do not stand for the Word of God?

Where do you draw the line?"

I will never forget what Dr. Sightler said to me.

He looked at me with that all-knowing look that he had and replied, "Young man, who told you to draw a line?

You preach the Book and they will draw the line!"

Verses For Salvation of God not by the Flesh.

John 6:63

John 17:2

Romans 8:8-9

1 Cor 1:29

1 Cor 15:50

Phili 3:3-6

Acts 4:12; Rom 1:16; Eph 1:13; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Peter 1:5.

Verses showing that God is the author and finisher of our Salvation.

John 6:37; 1 Cor 1:5-8; Phili 1:6; Heb 5:9; Heb 12:2;

6. Paul more than anything wanted these converts to grow up and not be carried by every wind of dogma. This Evangelist wanted his converts to be grounded in doctrine. They were to be adequately prepared to contend for the faith.

Tradition has replaced the teachings of the Holy Word.

Without Christ's death, burial and resurrection from death by God the Father, we would only have a do good religion. The witness to the world of God's power, might, and life changing power is in the believer's life as lead by God's word and His Holy Spirit. The Bible is God's witness to the World.

God's word is God's witness to the world. A believer has the Holy Ghost indwelt inside each believer the moment they allow Jesus to become Lord and master of their life.

2 Cor 13:1 KJV This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 Cor 13:2 KJV I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

2 Cor 13:3 KJV Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

2 Cor 13:4 KJV For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

Facts:

- 1. Paul talks about coming a third time to the Corinthian church. It is not clear if he had been there a second time or not or he had intended to go a second or third time. Cp 2 Cor 12:14.**

The third time has been interpreted two different ways. Those who hold that Paul had visited Corinth twice before writing this letter take this statement at face value, that Paul had been there twice and was now ready to come a third time. Those who say that Paul had been to Corinth only once point to 12:14 and say that he was prepared to come again but did not actually do so.

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- 2. Before the apostle comes a third time he wishes they would solve their problems. If they do not Paul is going to have to take up valuable time by taking action he is entitled and must take as an apostle. Paul will be requiring this as the result of two or three witnesses According to the Law of Moses. Deut 19:15.**
- 3. In v 2 the apostle to the Gentiles spells it out that he will get to the heart of the matter and nothing will be spared.**
- 4. After all Paul had done at Corinth they still wanted to know if Christ was speaking in Paul.**

He did not get on to them but praised them for seeking proof. Every believer, church, associations should test the Spirits. **1 John 4:1.**

- 5. The true believers should never forget that what is in you is great, God is Great.**
- 6. Christ was crucified by weakness of the world but is alive today by the Power of God. We are weak in the Flesh. We as believers live by the Power of God. The Salvation of our souls for eternity is so Great and complete how shall we miss it. Heb 2:3. Can we undo what God has done? The true Question is Who does the saving of our soul? Do we contribute to our salvation or does God Save our soul?**

If we could have any thing to do with the Salvation of our soul then it could not be permanent because the flesh is sinful. Only God is Sinless only Jesus can save. God never created or planned any thing that was or is not prefect.

- 7. For a moment lets consider the Power of God. Just how Great is God's**

Power?

1. God is all knowing.
2. God can and is everywhere at once.
3. God is all Powerful
4. God's design is to be seen in the world.
5. God is Righteous.
6. God is Just.
7. God is Longsuffering.
8. God can Chastise.
9. God forgives Sin.
10. God Can Heal.

2 Cor 13:5 KJV Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2 Cor 13:6 KJV But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

Facts:

1. Verse 5 is a verse many student of God's word believe points to the fact one could lose their Salvation. If it was your or their salvation one could lose it for sure. All it would take would be one sin. This person would be self righteous by their on doing. A truly Born Again person is saved by The Grace of God. If God saved them how could they ever be lost again.
Eze 33:12-13. a person's own Righteousness is no good if they Sin just one Time. A person must repent and turn to Jesus. A Saved person can know if they are saved. **1 John 5:13.** Either the Bible is God's Holy Word or it is a lie. It can not say one thing in one part and another in another part. God saved or He doesn't. God saves to the uttermost.
2. A born again believer should live their life above reproach. Yes I believe we as believers should live it, as some say. The Fact is if a person is saved they can not live the life of a Christian, only under the power of the Holy Ghost (Spirit). Again a saved person should live the Christian witness. To work out the Salvation of their soul not to work for their salvation. The believer works because they are saved not to keep their Salvation. **Mat 5:16**
A Christian life has rewards in the hereafter.
3. The believer is repeatedly exhorted to Examine themselves. Every Christian needs a time in private with the Lord and Saviour in their life. This is were the power of the Christian life is gained in strength. Your faith will also grow. Paul was taking to everyone at Corinth to have them look and see if they are in the faith and whether they were saved, not now in danger of losing what they never had. Do you have your soul committed to The Lord?

Are you holding on or is Jesus holding your hand?

John 10:28-20; 2 Cor 4:7.

Have you ever settled the question as to whether you are a child of God are not? **John 1:12**

4. Believers in their preaching, teaching, and ministries should be presenting the Gospel in such a way that it challenges their contracts. Had you rather be saved and know or be a reprobate?
5. In verse 6 Paul reaffirms that he and his people are saved.
6. Quote By John M Walls.

Most of you know the Gospel.

You know that all of us are sinners.

You know that we are not righteous enough to earn our ways into Heaven. Isaiah 64:6

You know that Christ redeemed us, purchasing our souls out of condemnation. Ephesians 1:7

You know that Christ has risen from the dead.

You know that faith in Christ makes us righteous before God and makes us citizens in Heaven. Ephesians 2:8-9

So examine yourself!

Have you placed your faith in Christ as Savior?

Do you have the assurance of Christ dwelling in you?

Can you say with the Apostle Paul in Galatians 2:20,

Christ liveth in me?

2 Cor 13:7 KJV Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

2 Cor 13:8 KJV For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

2 Cor 13:9 KJV For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection.

2 Cor 13:10 KJV Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

Facts:

1. The desire of any God called minister is that their disciples do no evil and to stay away from the appearance of evil. The only way for the world to see Christ in the church is by it's members.
The uppermost Character attribute of any Christian is to be honest. **John 8:32.** Even if you are being discredited tell the truth. If one tries to defend themselves you have to be careful because if you are not honest will find things to discredit you.
2. Remember the truth it will set you free. A lie never ends. The truth once stated is the ultimate answer. Keeping ones promises, paying your bills, Performing your work (job) to best training will allow you, and many other things in your life.
3. God's people when they appear weak, they are through the power of God Strong. Who is Strong? **Job 42:1-2.** The one who laid the Foundation of the world? **Job 38:4.**

Who else is better able to save our soul to the uttermost for all eternity? **John 3:16.**

4. Yes many Paul was writing to were saved but they still sinned.

1 John 1:8; 1 John 2:1.

As Born Again believers we sin, but the Blood of Jesus Christ takes away all of our sins. **John 3:6; Rom 7:18; 1 John 1:7.**

5. While we are in the Flesh a believer is to strive for perfection. **Col 1:28.**

The Flesh and Spirit are at war against each other. **Gal 5:17**

2 Cor 13:10 KJV Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

Facts:

1. Paul is again warning the Corinthians that he is writing to spare the the discipline he would have the power to bring. The Great apostle did not want to waste his time in correcting them when he came the third time. Being an apostle he had the power to discipling them. I 1 Cor 11:30 Paul alludes to the Lord doing the discipling.

He tells them if he comes in person he would be much shaper not by his power but by the power of God.

2. Discipline in the Church is to be Longsuffering. The Goal is not to destroy until they never enter another church. Be careful in the discipline that the Church and you sin not. **John 8:4-12.** We as born again are to edifice each others especially our new converts. This includes our family.

Romans 5:8 We are to love them first. If Christ treated us (Believers) like we sometimes treat others members we might be surprised.

2 Cor 13:11KJV Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

2 Cor 13:12 KJV Greet one another with an holy kiss.

2 Cor 13:13 KJV All the saints salute you.

2 Cor 13:14 KJV The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Facts:

1. Paul can say more in a conclusion than many can say in two hours of exhortation . The apostle was of one mind. He was focused. Any person or Group that clearly knows their Goal or Goals can achieve much. **Josh 8:2; Acts 1:14; Acts 2:1; Acts 2:46.** There are more verses through out the book of recording when God's people work all of one accord, one mind. **Phili 2:2.**

2. Here he is ending on a positive note. We in theses verses are instructed in the making of a Great Local church.

A. Be perfect through Jesus Christ. They should be able to watch and see that you are a Christian every Hour, Minutes, and

Second of your life.

- B. A Christian should feel secure. If you are born again one should know if he or she has eternal life. You either have it or you don't. **1 John 5:13.**
- C. The Members should be of one accord having a common goal. Spreading the Gospel should be foremost.
- D. Get along with each other. Be mindful of others needs. We are to contend for the Faith. I did not say there could not be healthy discussion. If the Goals are set then it is just a matter of how to reach those Goals.
- E. Most of all let the God of Love and Peace be with you. Everything that meets in the name of Christ, this includes the church meeting for any activity, there should be prayer, quote the word of God because it is what convicts **Heb 4:12**, and an invitation, an opportunity for someone to accept Christ as their personal saviour. There should be someone there that knows how to lead them to Christ. They need to have that assurance from God's word. This may be their first and last chance.

Someone just has to do more than someone kneeling beside them and praying for them to be saved. They are past that point.

They want to be saved that is why they came forward. If you can not lead someone biblically to Christ either get out of the way or best of all learn how. Every truly saved soul should be able to tell another how to be saved. How can one be saved and not know it or not be able to tell another what is in their heart.

These following verses are called the Romans road to Salvation. Before we can sell Christ to this dying world they must be shown a need. **Rom 3:10; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12.**

Then the solution is presented next which is God's love through Jesus Christ. **Rom 5:28;**

Then how does one obtain the answer to sin. The answer is a Gift of God. It is not something humans perform in return for doing right it is a Gift is something given not because it is merited. Rewards And Crowns are for Works of a Christian.

A Gift is given out of Love.

Rom 6:23.

What is a Gift?

Gift

GIFT, n. [from give.] A present; any thing given or bestowed; any thing, the property of which is

voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation; a donation. It is applicable to any thing movable or immovable.
Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English

**Next Romans tells how to receive God's gift.
Theses verses in Romans 10 also tell how the Gospel is spread.**

- Rom 10:9 KJV** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- Rom 10:10 KJV** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- Rom 10:11 KJV** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- Rom 10:12 KJV** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- Rom 10:13 KJV** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- Rom 10:14 KJV** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- Rom 10:15 KJV** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Preacher is any one proclaiming the Gospel. There is a difference between a preacher and a pastor.

Preacher == [Grk. 2784] kerusso (kay-roos'-so)
of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth
(the gospel):--preacher(-er), proclaim, publish.
Strong's Lexicon

- Pastor** = P`ASTOR, n. [L. from pasco, pastum, to feed.]
1. A shepherd; one that has the care of flocks and herds.
 2. A minister of the gospel who has the charge of a church and congregation, whose duty is to watch over the people of his charge, and instruct them in the sacred doctrines of the Christian religion.

**Yes Salvation is Merely for the Asking, Jesus did the suffering.
Christ paid the Price.**

3. Paul lets them know other believers are keeping them in their minds and prayers. You can not truly ask a blessing for someone in prayer without wishing them well.

4. This servant of The Living Jesus Christ closes with the most important thing, a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is accomplished by accepting the Grace of God.

Grace == GRACE, n. [L. gratia, which is formed on the Celtic; Eng. agree, congruous, and ready. The primary sense of gratus, is free, ready, quick, willing, prompt, from advancing.]

Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary of American English.

5. Again in Closing Paul present the Trinity.

- A. Jesus Christ the son.
- B. God of Love the Father. Rom 5:8
- C. The Comforter The Holy Ghost.

Summary: the Salvation is a total Gift of God through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23.

Salvation can have nothing added by man. If any thing is added by man, man then is sharing the Glory with God. **Eph 2:8-9.**

In ending keep in mind what Paul wrote being inspired of God.

Rom 6:14 KJV For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

If sin has no control over how could sin cause one to lose the Salvation of their soul that is entrusted to Christ and sealed by God the Holy Ghost, for safe keeping.

The following is a Quote by J M Carroll

2. OTHERWISE IT WOULD MAKE THE SINNER'S CONDITION IN SOME RESPECTS EVEN BETTER THAN THE CHRISTIAN'S.

We are taught in the Word of God that the sinner is saved by grace. "By grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8). Now if the believer is not secure, not already saved, then there has been added another condition to his salvation; that of "holding out." If this is true, does not that make our condition worse than the sinner's? The sinner is saved by grace. The Christian is saved by grace, and "holding out." If this be true would not this be a strong argument in favor of postponing salvation until we are very old, or even until we come to die? Surely every hour of time in which we are to "hold out" would greatly add to our danger. Is it possible, brother that the sinner who has never trusted God has a better chance than the Christian? Does not this violate all the teaching of God's Holy Word? Are we not all saved the same way? "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." Salvation is not earned, before or after conversion; it is a gift. The question of holding out does not enter into it. We are given salvation once for all when we trust in Jesus Christ.

Still another thing that had much to do with my believing in the permanent security of believers is:

3. IF A BELIEVER WERE TO ONCE FALL, HE WOULD BE IRRETRIEVABLY LOST.

As proof hear the Scripture: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come. If they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:4-6). Note carefully every word of this remarkable passage: "Once enlightened." "Tasted heavenly gift." ("Gave His only begotten Son." "Gift of God is eternal life.") "Partaker

of the Holy Ghost." "Tasted the good word of God." "And the powers of the world to come." "It is impossible, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance." To save such a man there must be a new Christ, or a fresh crucifixion of the old. He must be again wounded and bruised. There must be another Gethsemane, another Golgotha. But, oh, what good could even this do? If Christ, even by His suffering and death, failed once, would He not fail again? If being washed in the precious blood of the Son of God does not bring final remission the first time, how can it a second time? Surely the one that fails if he fails leaves hope forever behind him. But I am so glad that Paul said: "If they fall away." He did not believe they would. However, he seemed determined to keep any poor mortal from hanging on to the idea that even if he fails, he will have one more chance. To fall means final and irretrievable ruin. But again:

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The triumphant Christian does not fight for victory; he celebrates a victory already won. The victorious life is Christ's business, not yours.

- REGINALD WALLIS