



2 Corinthians Ch 8

July 21, 2024

Module 5, Room 1



Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 14, 2024 – 2 Cor Ch 7*
- ✓ *July 21, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 8*
- *July 28, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 9*
- *Aug 4, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 10*
- *Aug 11, 2024 - 2 Cor Ch 11*
- *Aug 18, 2004. - 2 Cor Ch 12*
- *Aug 25, 2005. - 2 Cor Ch 13 & wrap*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Little movement on Hostages, The Deal does not now seem imminent*
- *IDF continues to go after high-value targets in Rafah, Syria, and Lebanon*
- *Hezbollah continues the barrage of attacks in the North of Israel*
- *Tel Aviv hit by a UAV from **Houthis** (?) that was not intercepted - fatality and injuries*
- *Israel continues to pursue terrorists in the areas, of Samaria and Judea in Arab cities.*
- *The US has finally delivered the munitions promised earlier*

US/World

- *The Presidential Election Drama*
 - *The Republican side is now complete and the ticket set, the Democrat side is in flux*
 - *Still no definite resolution to Assassination attempt failures of protection. Secret Service in the hot seat*
- *Many Democrats will boycott Netanyahu's speech to a joint session of Congress on July 24th*
 - *Depending on Biden's "Health" he may or may not meet with Netanyahu*
 - *The tone of Netanyahu's speech is up for debate by various sides. My thoughts – thank us, build for the future, condemn terrorists...not a hard attack on Biden.*
- *Protests continue by anti-Israel people...expect it at the Democrat convention & Large-crowd events and outside the Capitol for Netanyahu's speech*
- *Even though there was a pledge to turn down the over-the-top rhetoric, do not expect it to happen*

Israeli attack on Yemen Port



Tonight Israel Air Force destroyed Yemen's oil infrastructures, at a distance of 2,200 kilometers from Israel.

Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities are only 1,600 kilometers from Israel.

- *Operation Long Arm*
- *Major Port in Yemen*
 - *Oil and Gasoline Storage*
 - *Oil and Gas Refinery*
 - *Port of Entry for Weapons*
 - *Weapons Depots of missiles*
- *Two purposes*
 - *Demonstrate Israel's reach to destroy enemies. Further than Teheran*
 - *Severely damage Houthi capability to wage war*
 - *Note: Israel bombed Syria and Lebanon (Hezbollah) also*

Last Week...

We finished 2 Cor Ch. 7 and discussed the main subjects in the chapter

- *Paul's anguish in having to counsel by Severe Letter the Corinthians, and the dread of the impact of it*
- *The Troubles of Paul on all fronts, not just the anticipation of Titus' return with word on Corinth*
- *The Joy of Paul in Seeing Titus, and the Happiness of Titus*
- *The exceeding joy in hearing the Corinthians had expressed Godly Sorrow and come back to Paul and the Lord*
- *The discussion in class about our joy in hearing from our children, grandchildren, and others we love if they return to the Lord, and our joy in seeing them blessed.*

Overall Outline of 2nd Corinthians

The Comfort of God Ch 1-7

- Introduction – Ch 1:1,2
- Comfort for Life's Plans - Ch 1:3-24
- Comfort in the restoration of sinning saint – Ch 2
- Comfort in the glorious ministry of Christ – Ch 3
- Comfort in the ministry of suffering for Christ – Ch 4
- Comfort in the ministry of martyrdom for Christ – Ch 5
- Comfort in all circumstances – Ch 6
- Comfort in the Heart of Paul – Ch 7

Christian Giving – Ch 8-9

- Examples, Exhortation, Explanation, and Encouragement

Calling of the Apostle Paul – Ch 10-13

- Authentication – Ch 10
- Vindication– Ch11
- Revelation – Ch 12
- Execution – Ch 13:1-10
- Conclusion – Ch 13:11-12

2 Cor Ch 8:1-4 Gratitude amidst poverty

*8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the **grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.***

*2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their **overflowing joy** and their **extreme poverty** welled up in **rich generosity.***

*3 For I testify that **they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,***

*4 **they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.***

2 Cor Ch 8:5-7. The Grace of Giving

*⁵ And they **exceeded our expectations**: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.*

⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

*⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you (or in your love for us)—see that you also excel in this **grace of giving**.*

But what is Grace?

Grace...what is it?

Grace – Charis in Greek

We think of simple definitions, but not complete in expressing the fullness of it
God's Riches at Christ's Expense, or the unmerited favor of God

Charis Definition - Grace

1. *That which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness:*

*grace of speech, goodwill, loving-kindness, favor of the merciful kindness by which God, **exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues***

2. *What is the result of grace?*

*the **spiritual condition** of one governed by the **power of divine grace***

the token or proof of grace, benefit

- a gift of grace benefit, bounty

- thankfulness (for benefits, services, favors), recompense, reward

Derivative ideas – Charismatic, winsome; Charity by the Grace of God

2 Cor Ch 8:8-9 Not a command, but a measure

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake, he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Cor Ch 8:10-12 Paul's Judgment Applied

¹⁰ And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

You started off great last year, now finish strong and complete it, out of a willingness to display the Grace of God, according to what you have, not what you don't have.

2 Cor Ch 8:13-15 Equal Sacrifice – Equal Sharing

*¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, **but that there might be equality.***

*¹⁴ At the present time **your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.** The goal is equality,*

¹⁵ as it is written: (Exodus 16:18)

“The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

2 Cor Ch 8:16-21 Titus sent to receive it

¹⁶ Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

¹⁸ And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel.

¹⁹ What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

²⁰ We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift.

²¹ For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

2 Cor Ch 8:22-24 Titus and the brothers

22 In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you.

23 As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ.

24 Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.

2 Cor Ch 8 How do we summarize this teaching?

- *As Christians, we need to support other Christians in need*
- *By the Grace and Spirit of God, we are called and drawn to this task*
- *We are to give out of thankfulness and joy from what we have, not what we do not have*
- *We support them, knowing God will generate support for us in our time of need...We share freely and with compassion and grace, in the right motives, not just to be seen by others*
- *These gifts and this support will be acceptable if the motives are right*

In FRC, we see this Spirit of Grace in Hope for the Hungry, Backpacks, Mission churches, Whispering Hope, and other projects where God draws us to willingly help others.

We also see it in the Support for the Church, All-in and other ways

Next Week

- *Read 2 Cor Ch 9, and come back to discuss*
- *Pray for God to move in the US, Israel, and the leaders*
- *Pray for First Redeemer Pastors, staff, teachers, and all who lead*
- *Pray for your family and your friends both inside and outside of the church. **Pray for healing for those in grief.***
- *Be thankful that God has placed you in this day and time and commit your will to doing His Will.*
- *Praise Him for the blessings He continually bestows on us.*
- *Pray for each of us to take our role seriously in the coming storm*
- *Pray for those who don't know the Lord to come to Him*