



# 2 Corinthians Ch 9

**July 28, 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 ...ICYMI

## *Middle East*

- *Netanyahu speaks to Joint session of Congress – Powerful speech, says negotiations still underway for hostages*
- *Israel found and returned several dead hostages for burial. There is no news on how many remain alive and still captive.*
- *More destruction of Hamas tunnels and infrastructure in Gaza, Khan Younis, and Rafah*
- *No response from Houthis to Israeli counter-attack for drone hitting Tel Aviv*
- *11 Druze, mostly children were killed in (**Majdal Shams**) Northern Israel by Hezbollah.*  
*Expect **strong** response*

## *US/World*

- *Biden has chosen not to run in 2024, so Kamala Harris is the choice of Democrats*
- *Many Democrats boycotted Netanyahu's speech to the Joint session including Kamala Harris – Very well received speech*
- *Protestors in DC who defaced monuments and burned flags, Hoisted Palestinian Flag*
- *Paris Olympics started with train attacks coming into Paris.*
- *China and Russia are testing Biden and Harris in the Arctic around Alaska.*

# Overall Outline of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

## Next week begins –

### ***The 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 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*

## 2 Cor Ch 9:1-2     *Grace in action...*

**9** *There is no need for me to write to you about this **service** to the Lord's people.*

**2** *For I know your **eagerness to help**, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that **since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.***



## 2 Cor Ch 9:3-5 Preparation for a gift

***<sup>3</sup> But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but **that you may be ready, as I said you would be.*****

***<sup>4</sup> For if any Macedonians come with me **and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident.*****

***<sup>5</sup> So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.***

## 2 Cor Ch 9:6 Encouraging Generosity

***<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.***

***Agricultural principle which we understand, but the seed he is talking about is not only physical, but spiritual seed...Kindness, grace, generosity in the Grace of Giving. When we give this way, we will reap generously the same kind of seed***



## 2 Cor 9:7-8      *How do we do it?*

*<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.***

*<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you **abundantly**, so that in **all things at all times**, having **all that you need**, you will abound in every good work.*

*So often we pull back within ourselves around others, but God wants us to be generous people, giving of ourselves, and He will bless us abundantly with all we **need**, and **we will continue to do good work that He leads us to do.***

***These blessings lead us to contentment...are we content?***

## 2 Cor Ch 9:9-10    *God lifts them high*

. <sup>9</sup> *As it is written: (Psalm 112:9)*

***"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."***

***If you turn to that verse in your Bible, you will see that there is more...***

*They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;*

***their horn (dignity) will be lifted high in honor.***

<sup>10</sup> ***Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.***

## 2 Cor Ch 9:11-13 *Overflowing Thanks to God*

***<sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.***

***<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.***

***<sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else***

## 2 Cor Ch 9:14-15 Thanks Be To God

*<sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you ...their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.*

*<sup>15</sup> **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!***

*What a powerful thought. Our giving in this way creates a thankfulness of grace that God has given to us, but we are the ones to thank God for the gift of the Grace of Giving*

# Next Week

- *Read 2 Cor Ch 10, 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 friends inside and outside the church.*  
*Pray for healing for those in grief and recovery*
- *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*