

The Church at Corinth - 2 Corinthians

Chapter 1 (continued)

Keep It Real (vs. 12-13)

- Paul denotes the importance of being real and respectable before the people. Are we?
 - Paul had a “voice” with the Corinthians because he told them the truth and was not shady
 - Eph. 4:14-15
 - One of the reasons people don’t experience true conversion and repentance is because we who purport to know the truth don’t speak it
 - 2 Cor. 7:8-10
 - Are you courageous enough to speak the truth? Gal. 4:16
- How did Paul keep it real? How did he conduct himself?
 - Simplicity: singleness of thought – James 1:8; James 5:12
 - Godly sincerity: as required by the Lord – Psa. 19:14; 2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 119:9
 - Not with fleshly wisdom: 1 Cor. 2:4; no tricky words, clichés, just the Truth of God’s Word
 - John 8:34
 - By the Grace of God: is your walk one that testifies to the Grace of God? Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:29
 - Note: Paul says that’s how they conducted themselves in the world but even more to the Church.
- Don’t get so deep you can’t relate
 - There is less need for deep thinkers in the Church than there is for common sense and practical application of the Word of God. (Vs. 13)
 - Why? So that we both can celebrate in the day of the Lord Jesus. (vs. 14)

Don’t Let Folk Trap You (vs. 15-18)

- Paul’s plan was to go to before Macedonia and then as he left Macedonia (vs. 15-16)
 - He planned to receive help from them after his visit but went straight to Macedonia
- Folk tried to use this change in plans as a sign that he was undependable and not to be trusted
 - i.e. If we can’t trust him with his travel plans, can we trust what he says God said?
- Paul’s response: He had every intention of doing so but was not able to.
 - Was his witness that of an unstable, double-minded man? NO - things happen.
 - Don’t get trapped with the petty. Focus on what God message is!!

God’s Message Is Yea and Amen (vs. 19-20)

- God’s Promises are a done deal in Jesus Christ
- A message here to us: Make sure we know the difference between the words of man (Paul in this case) and the guaranteed Word of God (Mal. 3:6; Mat. 24:35)

Know Who Has Anointed and Sealed You (vs. 21-22)

- When you know that you are anointed and covered by God, you don’t have to be intimidated by the attacks of man – Rom. 8:31; Psa. 118:6

What was the real deal with why Paul hadn’t come again to Corinth? (vs. 23-24)

Why do you think God hasn’t pull the rug on your sin yet?
