NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

2 CORINTHIANS PART THREE

Lesson 47

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Consider the Church

Young
Internal Strife
Misguided Practices
Poor Doctrine
Weak Leadership
Lots of Sin



"The church of God in Corinth ... sanctified in Christ Jesus ... called" 1 Cor 1:2

"temple of the living God" 2 Cor 7:1

The Church and Paul

Started by Paul
Gossip Behind Back
Questioned Paul
Mocked Teaching

Slandered



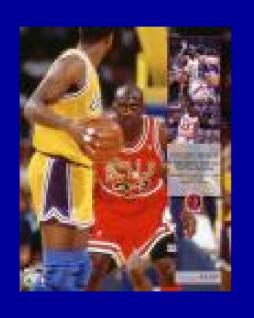
"Dear Friends"

Family - Father

Loving

Corrective

Concluding Chapters



Paul's Defense

Not Vengence Loving and Controlled

Truth in Christ

Concluding Chapters

Spiritual Warfare

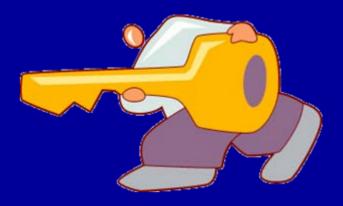
Unanswered Prayer

Visions of Paradise

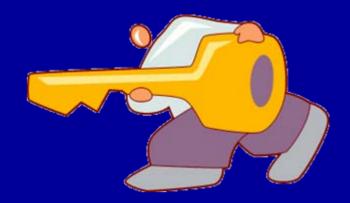
Self Examination

Paul's Defense and "Fools Speech"

Chapters 10 and 11



Paul Attacked



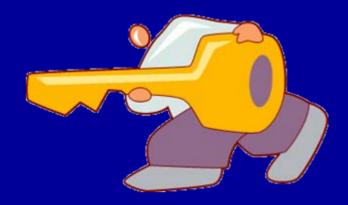
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Paul's Weapons

Divine Power

Demolish Strongholds

Destroy All Against God

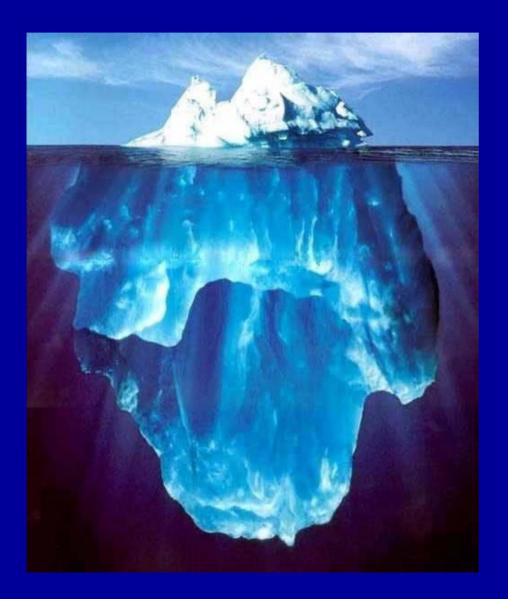
Capture Every Thought

A Question of Perspective



Corinthians Looked on Surface

A Question of Perspective



"I belong to Christ"

That Doesn't Make You Right!

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Paul:

Handsome?

Nope

Professional Greek Orator?

Nope



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Greek Orator?

Nope



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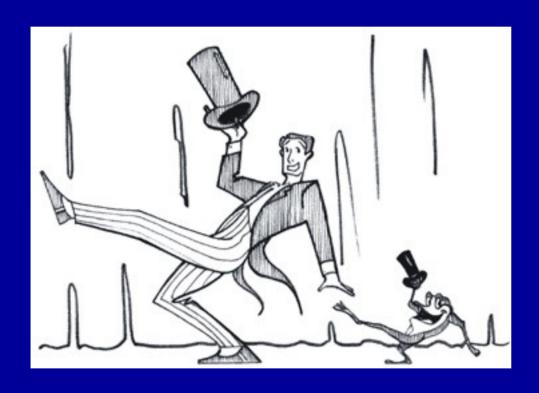
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Greek Orator?

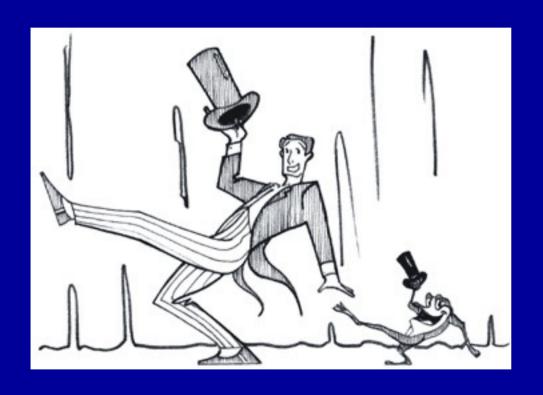
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Paul's Concern

- Effect on Church
- Arrival of "Super Apostles"



Trained Orators?



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Fakes!



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"Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness." (11:15)



Pompous Fools

Think They Are Great?

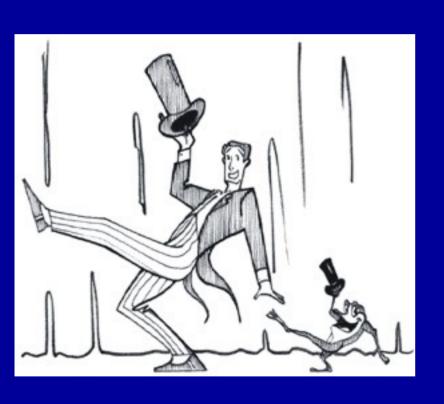
Ask Them!

Super Apostles <> Paul



Self Proclaimed
Wondermen

Super Apostles <> Paul



















Super Apostles <> Paul







Fool's Speech

- Fool's Self Proclaim
- Paul:
 - Nut Job?
 - Encountered Jesus?
- Paul Self Proclaims Weakness

Greatness in Weakness?

- Greatness of God
- Consider the "Visions"

I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven 12:2

"Arm's Length" Narrative

Visions and Thorns

- Vision Inutterable
- Thorn (Vision?) Going Nowhere
 - No Healing
 - No Conceit

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

12:9

Final Comments

- 3d Visit Coming
- Christ Crucified in Weakness BUT Raised in Power
- Trinity Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all 13:14

Points for Home

- 1. We Have Battles
- 2. We Have Potent Weapons in Christ
- 3. Satan Deceives
- 4. God Works in Weakness
- 5. Embrace God in Our Lives