

II CORINTHIANS

PAUL'S MOST PERSONAL EPISTLE

Part One: Background and Introduction

Question: when was the book of Second Corinthians written? Where was the apostle Paul when he wrote it?

Question: how close together was the writing of First and Second Corinthians?

Question: when was Greek Corinth destroyed? When was Roman Corinth built?

Question: what kind of people were the first settlers of the Roman colony?

Question: when did Paul first visit Corinth and establish the congregation there?

Question: why was Corinth ideally situated as a trade center?

Question: list some of the conditions in Roman Corinth that cause difficulties for the Corinthian Christians:

Question: what letter did Paul write to these believers even *before* he wrote "First Corinthians"?

1 Cor. 5:9

Question: what was the next letter to be written?

Question: what kind of letter does the apostle Paul mention in 2 Corinthians 2:4?

2 Cor. 2:4

Question: what might this be referring to (two possibilities):

Question: what do ALL all of St. Paul's epistles contain?

Question: yet there is something unique about 2 Corinthians. For instance, 2 Corinthians is not mainly a doctrinal work such as which other epistles of Paul?

Question: 2 Corinthians also does not deal mainly with the great practical problems of Christian life, such as which other epistles of Paul?

Question: rather, 2 Corinthians is "a pouring out of , , ,
