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2 Corinthians 1 Study Questions

1.	What do we learn about God's comfort during suffering? (vv. 3-7)
2.	What does Paul highlight about God and prayer in verses 10-11?
3.	Describe Paul's tone in verses 12-20. Why did his change of plans cause criticism?
4.	Which meaningful phrases in verses 23-24 show how Paul feels towards the Corinthian church?

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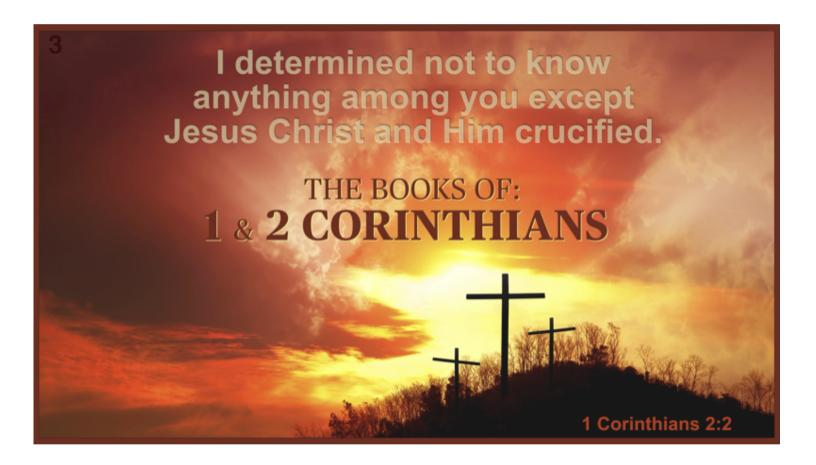




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1.	Reading verses 1-4, what can we learn about responding in love to hard topics?
2.	Regarding our brothers and sisters in Christ, what do we learn about confronting, comfort, and restoration from verses 5-11?
3.	What details stand out to you in verses 14-17 about Jesus and us being the fragrance of the knowledge of God?

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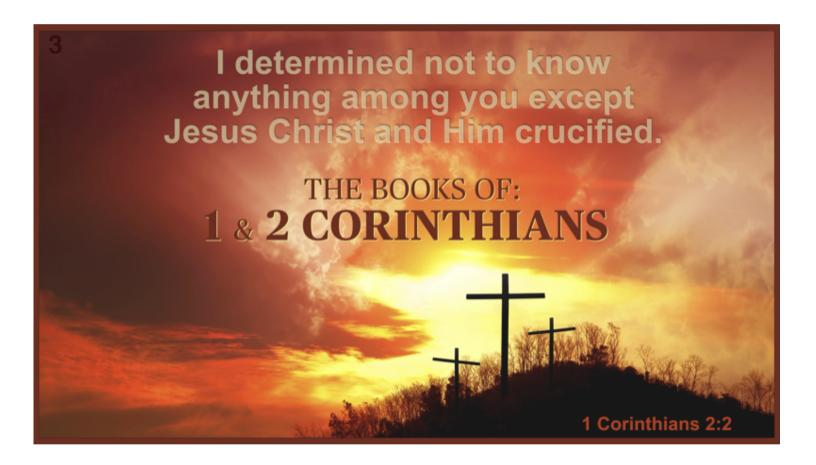




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1.	Why are letters of recommendation not needed by Paul or any of the apostles? (vv. 1-3)
2.	Where does Paul find his comfort and confidence and what is meant by the new covenant? (vv. 4-6)
3.	In verses 7-11 what do we learn about the old ministry versus the new ministry? How is the new better and why?
4.	Explain what the veil illustrates and represents. Is the veil still present, why or why not? (vv.12-18)

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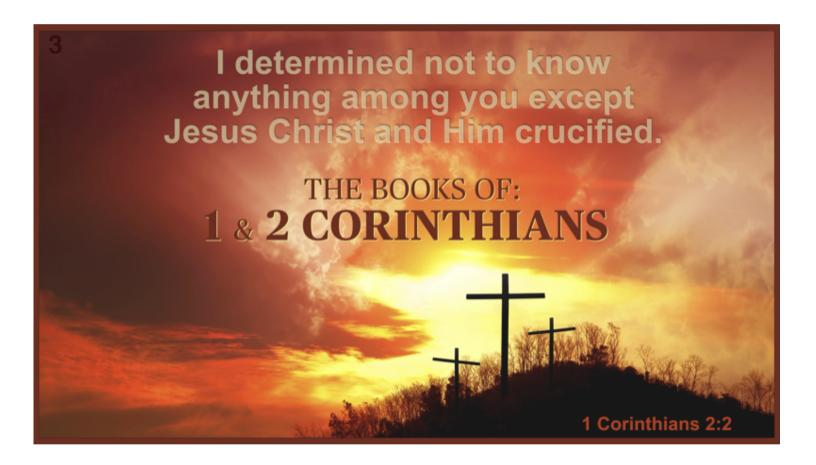




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1.	What criteria does Paul give for preaching the gospel? (vv.1-2)
2.	Who is someone you know that needs the veil removed to see Jesus? Turn verses 3 & 4 into a prayer for them.
3.	What stands out to you in verses 6-10, and what is your response?
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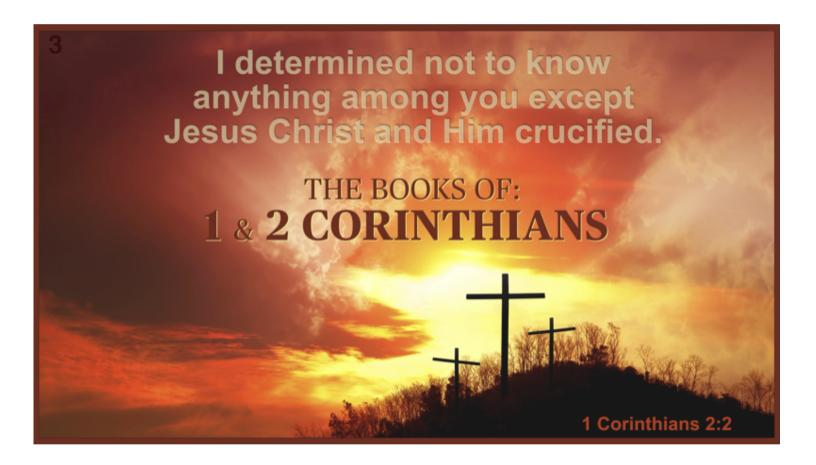






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1.	After reading verses 1-5 compare our earthly bodies with our heavenly bodies.
2.	Summarize the goals in verses 6-10, and what is the reason for the judgement seat?
3.	Why is a sincere heart more important than a spectacular ministry and what does this look like? (vv. 11-17)
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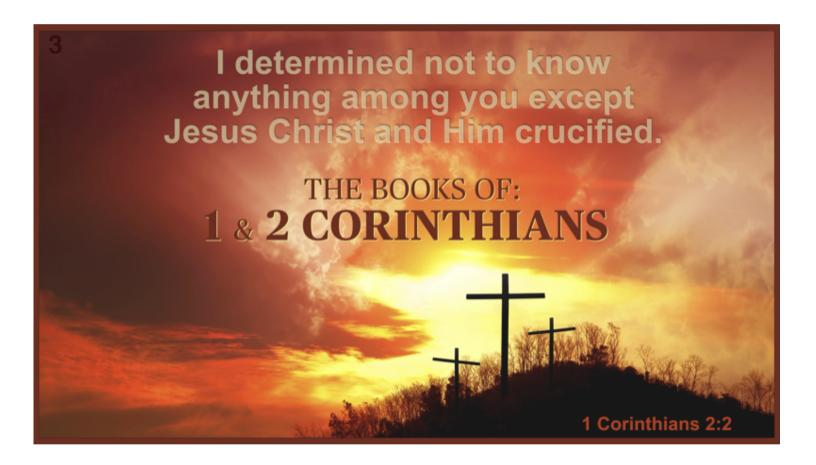






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1.	In verses 1-2 what does it mean to receive the grace of God in vain, and how do we partner with God? (Also read 1 Corinthians 15:10.)
2.	Reading Paul's resume in verses 3-10 as God's ambassador and partner, what do you learn?
3.	Why does Paul make a heartfelt plea in verses 11-13?
4.	From what Paul says in verses 14-18 what must all believers guard against and why? How do you go about implementing this in your own life?

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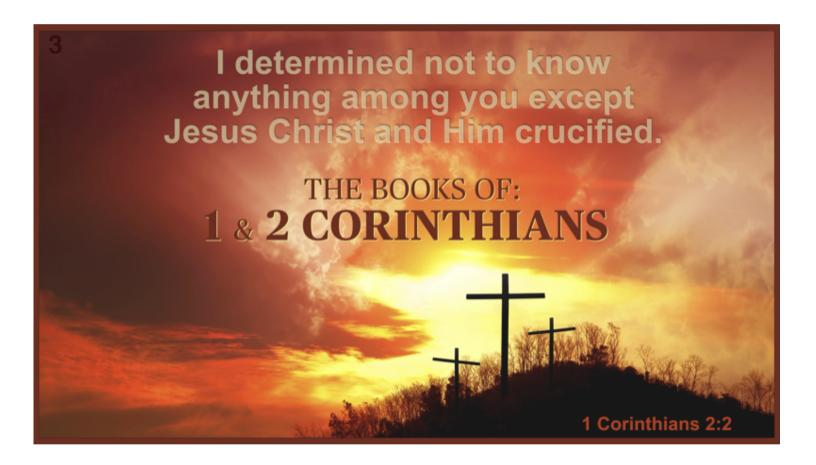






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1.	How are we to respond to the promises in the previous chapter of 2 Corinthians 6:14 18, and what one thing must our hearts be set on? (7:1)
2.	Reading verses 2-3, in what ways does Paul promote unity and how are you encouraged to do the same?
3.	Why was the news of Titus so meaningful to Paul? How have you experienced the comfort of God recently?
4.	What outcome came from the letter Paul speaks of in verses 8-16? What are the differences between godly and worldly sorrow?

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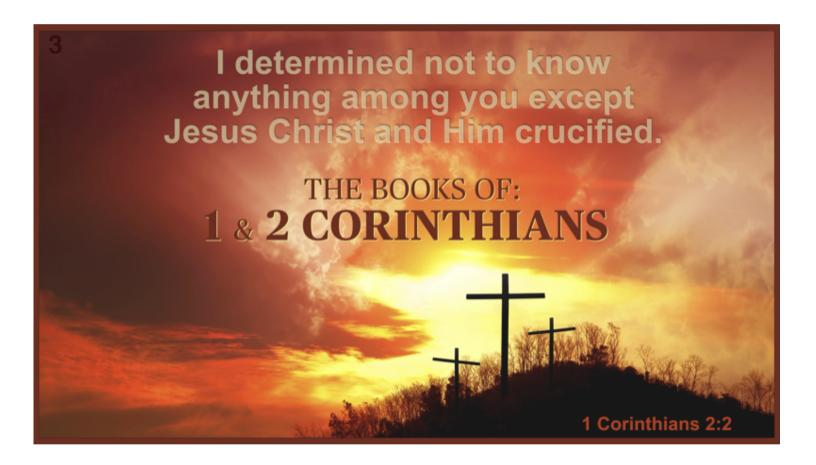






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2.	Why is giving considered an act of grace? How is Jesus our perfect example of giving and why? (vv. 6-9)
3.	In verses 10-15 Paul urges the Corinthians to complete their giving. What are some of the dynamics of giving he mentions?
4.	What are some of the things we learn about handling money within the church according to verses 16-22?

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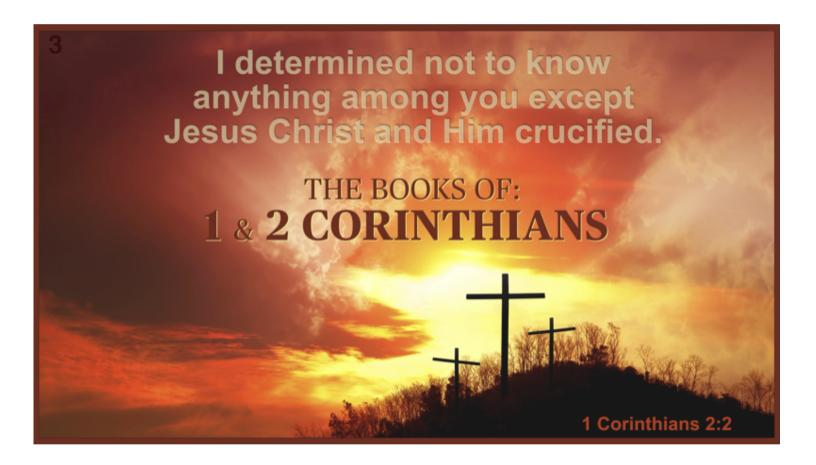
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1.	In continuation of chapter 8 on the topic of giving, what additional insight do we gain from the analogy of sowing and reaping? (vv. 6-10)
2.	How do you view giving differently after reading chapters 8 and 9?
3.	What are similarities and differences with Old Testament tithing and New Testament giving?

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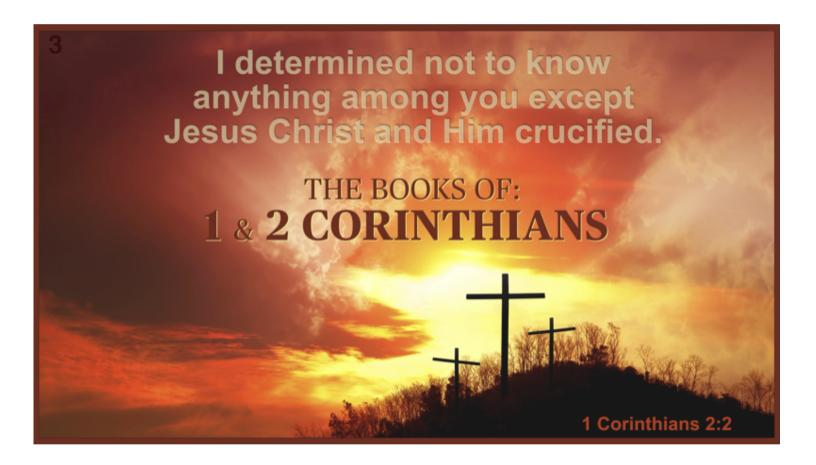
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1.	In what way did Paul, as an apostle, exemplify Christ when addressing the complaints of some of the Corinthians? (vv. 1-2)
2.	Paying close attention to the descriptive words used in verses 3-6, how are we believers to fight our battles?
3.	What right does Paul have to take a stand against false teachers? How does he deal with them? (vv. 7-12)
4.	In verses 13-18 what does Paul boast in, and why is he careful not to claim credit for what other teachers of the Good News have done?

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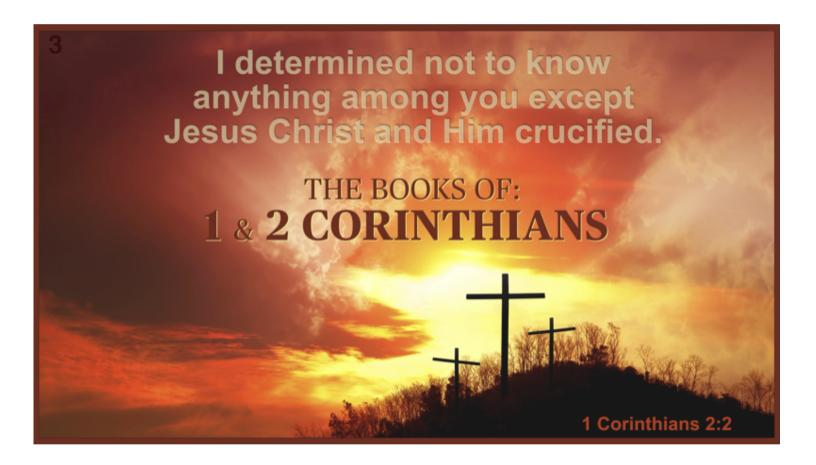
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1.	What two main issues regarding the Corinthian church does Paul address in verses 1-4?
2.	How did Paul display Christ-like behavior to the Corinthians in verses 5-12?
3.	What are the similarities between today's churches and the deception in the Corinthian church as described in verses 13-16?
4.	When reading verses 17-33 why do you think Paul feels he has to "boast" and what contrast is he making between himself and the false "apostles"?

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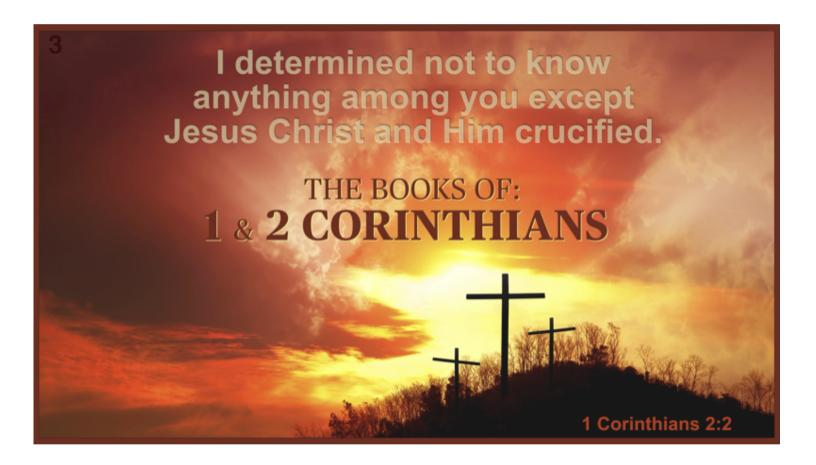
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2.	How do you see God's sovereignty in the details of Paul's "thorn in the flesh"? (vv. 7a-10)
3.	In verses 11-15, how does Paul show his love and concern for the Corinthians?
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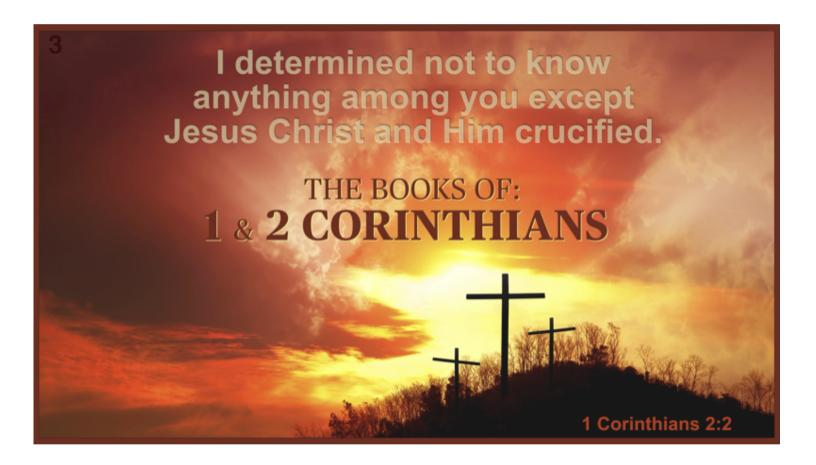
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1.	What is Paul's intent with his final visit to the Corinthian church? Why can we trust and rely on Christ's power and help when correction is needed in the church body? (vv. 1-4)
2.	What is Paul desiring to see in the Corinthian church? How are you prompted to examine your spiritual walk and encourage others to do the same? (vv. 5-10)
3.	In verse 11, what will bring about the love and peace of God, and how do we accomplish these things?
4.	What correlation is there between John 14:23-27 and 2 Corinthians 13:14?

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