

2 Corinthians Questions

Questions from the 4th Corinthian Letter (which is the 2nd preserved by the Holy Spirit for the written New Covenant of Jesus), which details completely all things for 'living and godliness (God-likeness)' for those in His Kingdom that were willing to reform to His new Way.

Any study of anything ought to be from all the material that is concerned with that person or item. This study is to be no less complete. As a complete study of the 2nd Letter to the Corinthian congregation (known to some as: 1st Corinthians) has already been done by you students, this one will almost complete your understanding of how to correctly work with a congregation (and specific errors among them), resulting with a reformed group that is genuinely imitating the congregational look of the inspired and guided 1st century AD (notice the effort to reform required several men, Letters, endurance, and time. Patience, longsuffering, commitment to the reforms, and no self-glory were seeable in the, roughly, four years to a near complete reform.) Too, do not forget that even with the Holy Spirit working directly with the first Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, it will be about ten years before the congregation's leadership [Apostles, also there] will begin to follow Jesus' expectation of taking His Good News to 'all nations'. Thus, Corinth, in God's mind is no less to be handled correctly and not to expect folks to overnight correct revealed errors to His new Way.

The reforms in Corinth are mentioned in the middle of the 5th Thought, as all the efforts had results, which he lists there. He is overjoyed at their response. He soon will now return to attend to some last holdouts, write the Book of Romans in preparation for his trip there after attending to the delivery of the massive contribution to the congregation in Jerusalem. Titus was a key to their reforms and attitude toward Jesus' Kingdom new Way that they had rejected. The lessons for congregations in any place and time in these two contemporary histories are central to unity of Jesus' Kingdom.

Questions of the 2nd preserved Letter to Corinth:

1. Is this Dr. Paul's final preserved Letter to Corinth? Y/N ___
2. How many Letters do we know he wrote to them? ___ 2, ___ 4, ___ more
3. This Letter celebrates Titus finding Dr. Paul in Philippi and giving him the good news of the congregation's almost complete reform (after several efforts) to the correct Way a congregation of Jesus' Kingdom ought to function, reform, hold together, and worship?
Y/N ___ ___ ___
4. The goal of all this effort was to reform specific actions in the congregation being led by certain men and women by appropriate confrontation to those errors. Jesus says they are not in accord with Him and He requires reform and confession of the errors? Y/N
5. This last Letter, hand carried by Titus, expresses Dr. Paul's genuine love of these brethren? Y/N ___
6. Now, with this under control, he could reset the special contribution to the Palestinian Christians, which was to be gathered by all the Roman Province's congregations and then brought to Corinth for transport to Jerusalem? Y/N ___

7. Also, after this last Letter to the Corinthian christian group (as all other congregations of Jesus' Kingdom that Dr. Paul had been involved in establishing, training and organizing), he went to Corinth to celebrate their excellent reforms, and to restart the contribution, and prepare for going to Rome after the contribution was delivered to Jerusalem, which required an introduction Letter. He wrote it during the three month stay in the Corinth area? Y/N ____

8. He wrote this Letter from Philippi and had Titus take it to them before he left for Corinth? Y/N ____

9. He explains his love, reason for such an effort, his work for Jesus, his joy for their reforms and the continuation of the plan for the contribution with an ending note to those that are still struggling with the errors that caused this problem and delay? Y/N ____

Dr. Paul's first (1st) Thought

1. He declares this Letter is from he and prof. Timothy? Y/N ____

2. He says that he is one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ and that this is God's Will (cannot be questioned, as God has established him as such in His Plan through Jesus' purpose for coming among mankind)? Y/N ____

3. Then, he says he is writing (God's commands, as revealed in his second Letter [known as 1 st Corinthians]) to those in Jesus' Kingdom in Corinth and the area, who are known as His 'called-out group'? Y/N ____

4. He mentions another known quality of those in Jesus' Kingdom-saints-or those being holy, as Jesus is holy, as he recognizes, also, the other christians in the Corinth area? Y/N ____
He calls upon them all to keep God's Grace as their goal in their lives and to maintain the Peace from God and Jesus, both of which are different from man's ideas and learnable?
Y/N _____

5. He, here, refers to God as our Father, expressing His kind of care toward all in the Kingdom of His Son, Jesus. Too, He expresses that Jesus is everyone's Lord and Christ (Messiah in Hebrew). They are both equal in the Godhead of this new Way? Y/N ____

Dr. Paul's second (2nd) Thought

1. He begins this Letter to them (elated over their decision to reform multiple errors in the congregation's conduct, which Titus had led them to understand and reform), after his opening remarks with an exclamation of outpouring of adulation toward our God and Father, because of His uniqueness, care, love, Plan for mankind, and new Way through Jesus for man to unify and please Him? Y/N ____

2. He, properly, calls on all the readers to EXTOL our God and Father! Meaning to salute Him above all things, where He always 'is', and ought to be in the minds and hearts of all His children. Continually remembering this 'reality' must be our highest priority, motive, and practice. He is in hope that the receivers of this Letter have a like emphasis in their lives, as he does, concerning their God and Father? Y/N ____

3. Too, He deserves the highest, genuine, continuous 'honor' folks can express. This is not

hidden honor, but more so, visible in their lives and audible expressions of His much deserved honoring by all His creation?

4. He calls upon them to recognize His deserved 'Praise' from all of His children, because of His efforts for His creation. No one or nothing can actually achieve what He has done! There are no powers, or wisdom, available in any thing that come close to His. Praise ought to be a natural response in our thoughts, talk, actions and motives, and not some kind of pathetic imitation or ritual, as religions are full of? Y/N ____

5. He notes three qualities of our God and Father next: 1) He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. They in eternity (with the Holy Spirit) designed this marvelous 'Plan' that required the "Word" to become 'flesh' (Jesus) and become the perfect 'sacrifice' for man's many sins against God. It was God's only way of providing reconciliation to His 'creation', as we, by our sins, could never be a proper sacrifice to appease His coming wrath because of those sins. The 'Plan' involved Jesus to become a spectacle as our Christ (Messiah in Hebrew) and our Lord of the new Way or Kingdom He would establish upon Earth to assist the making of all folks aware of God's love, Plan and eternal reward with Them; 2) Our God and Father is the leader of all important "Mercies"! His mercies are because of His nature. He has shown and demonstrated how, what, who, why and when mercy is to be given for all to see, evaluate, and attempt to emulate. We would not know or be merciful, were it not for learning His nature and character. It makes all those that practice His kind of mercy, better people. He is our only source and it: extols, honors, and praises Him when we practice and give credit to Him for all mercies we have chances to emulate; 3) He, also, is the God of all 'comfort'. Any time someone receives 'comfort' or gives 'comfort', it is due to Him. God began comfort from His nature. He is the One that defines 'comfort' correctly and not man. He exhibits the greatest, most wonderful, and complete comfort. All man does is copy it. (Too frequently, man has abused the limits of 'comfort' because of an agenda they have that is not in accord with God's reasons and motives for 'comfort'. 'Comfort' has one tremendous goal: the absolute blessing to the one receiving it? Y/N ____

6. The word Dr. Paul used: "all", is not meant to say that all 'comforts' are God's. No, there are 'motives' for giving comfort and ideas of what 'comfort' is that are man's and not God's. There are many examples of bad comforts. (example: providing a good living for protection from the law for drug dealers, defining 'comfort' as what prostitutes give their customers, governments that placate their people to keep them under their ideas of necessary control, usually by military threat or religions made by men and not God's.) "All" is meant to define limits, here. God gives "all" comfort. If you define or set-up 'comforts' beyond God's kind, you are in sin and must reform to His standard of 'comfort'? Y/N ____

7. Dr. Paul, here, defines God's 'comfort' so there can be no confusion as to what it is. He gives us comfort in all our troubles (means that no matter the trouble you have affecting you in your life and service to Him, if you are in accord with His new Way, you have the wonderful and impeccable 'comfort' that He is with you and He has a guaranteed eternal reward for you, if you remain steadfast to His New Covenant Way-you are in Jesus' Kingdom, no matter if you have your life taken or not). His 'comfort' is assured? Y/N ____

8. If we have an understanding of God's 'comfort' and have, on occasion, needed it, then we

can relate the effect and the comfort He gives for our 'comfort' to others. In such times, His 'comfort' can be of not only great value to you but unto others. Yet, it must not be forgotten that His 'comfort' is continuous toward us? Y/N ____

9. The 'sufferings' of Christ are from our service and adoration of Him. No matter the level of the suffering, we receive greater 'comfort' from our Christ? Y/N ____

10. Dr. Paul, relating to all the 'sufferings' he has had over the last several years, he has received 'comfort' from the Lord for their comfort and their salvation, which was in doubt for a good while? Y/N ____

11. His 'sufferings' or troubles were for their comfort, that they may produce patient endurance (as God has) in him and them. This is how comfort produces comfort? Y/N ____

12. He declares that his 'hope' for them (in their troubles) was well founded in what he aspired for them. As they began to reform to the correct previous Good News and Plan, that was delivered to them, through the continuous efforts by the Lord for their reformation (the four Letters, Timothy, Titus and Dr. Paul there personally and the Holy Spirit working among some of them), they would come to the decision God desired of them, and be enabled, by those correct decisions, to see it all from God's new Way and again be in His kind of 'comfort'? Y/N ____

13. He decides to use an illustration of just how 'troubled', he too was, in relating to them that during all this time of their reforms and returning to God's comfort, he was in physical suffering (due to his zealous and courageous confrontational activities in Asia), which he was certain he would not survive. Only the involvement of our God, allowed His survival and will continue to do so for the Cause? Y/N ____

14. He is confident that God will continue to rescue him, as they join in the prayers of many for Dr. Paul and his example of courage, continuous efforts for others, under any duress, and a Jesus-like confidence in God, displayed by him as he, under any duress and sufferings, never wavered from the Cause: The salvation of 'all' men at any cost. Those coming to the 'comfort' of God will be those that pray for him in his service to the Lord? Y/N ____

Dr. Paul's third (3rd) Thought

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