



“A Pastor’s Deepest Desire for the Church. ”

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2 Corinthians 11:1-15

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7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. 11 And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

12 And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

2 Corinthians 11:1-15



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2 Corinthians 11:1-6

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2 Corinthians 11:1-15 (ESV)

Passage Outline – 2 Co. 11:1-15

- I. Paul's Jealousy for the Church - 2 Co. 11:1-6
- II. Paul's Defense Against "Accusations" - 2 Co. 11:7-12
- III. Paul's Judgment Against His Accusers - 2 Co. 11:13-15

Paul's Jealousy for the Church

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2 Corinthians 11:1-3 (ESV)

... (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

Exodus 34:14 (ESV)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

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4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2 Corinthians 11:4 (ESV)

5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. 6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

2 Corinthians 11:5-6 (ESV)

Paul's Defense Against "Accusations"

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2 Corinthians 11:7-9 (ESV)

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. 11 And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

2 Corinthians 11:10-11 (ESV)

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2 Corinthians 11:12 (ESV)

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2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (ESV)

Satan's Schemes Against Us

- Distorts God's Word
- Divides God's People
- Disguises His Tactics that Look and Sound Really "Godly"

Guard Sincere and Pure Devotion to Christ

- Devote Yourselves to the Truth
- Protect Unity & Sincere Love
- Seek Spirit-led Discernment