

THIRTEENTH STUDY

PAUL SPEAKS OF HIS COMING

PAUL WARNS OF SIN (II Corinthians 13:1-10)

Paul warns, that when he arrives at Corinth on this third visit, he will not be easy on those who are sinning: in fact, he says he will not “spare” them.

I will not spare you. II Corinthians 13:2. Paul is saying, he will not abstain from treating them in an authoritative manner; or he will not treat them leniently; he will not restrain himself; or he will not tolerate them.

Some may have not fallen into sin, but have rejected Paul’s authority. Nevertheless, he will not be easy on them when he gets there.

1. Paul is not going by just what he has heard from one source, but a principle found in II Corinthians 13:1. What is that principle or rule?

Paul has been questioned of his proof that Christ speaks through him, and he answers that he will give them all the proof they need (II Corinthians 13:3). Christ is not weak in His dealings with you, but is a mighty power within you (LB)----speaking of his bringing them to the Lord and his nurturing them in their walk with Christ (II Corinthians 13: 3; ref. I Corinthians 5:4; 9:2).

II Corinthians 13:4 - His (Christ’s) weak human

body died on the Cross, but now He lives by the mighty power of God. We, too, are weak in our bodies, as He was, but now we live and are strong (LB) and have the power of God to use in dealing with you.

2. Paul, in II Corinthians 13:5, tells the Corinthian believers to check up on something. What was it? _____

Paul is saying to them, "Judge yourselves to see if you are reprobates (failures)? *But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates* (II Corinthians 13:6).

3. What is Paul asking the Corinthians to be in II Corinthians 13:7-9? _____

4. In what manner does Paul desire to come to them? (II Corinthians 13:10) _____

CONCLUSION AND BENEDICTION (II Corinthians 13:11-14)

1. What final instructions did Paul give to the Corinthian believers? (II Corinthians 13:11,12)
