

## PAUL POSTPONES HIS VISIT (II Corinthians 1:12-24)

Paul asks the Corinthian believers to acknowledge this second letter to them, for they can only receive what they accept, and he trusts that they will accept his teachings until the end (II Corinthians 1:13), so they can rejoice together in one another in the day of the Lord Jesus (II Corinthians 1:14). Being confident in this, Paul had planned to come to them before; that they might have a double portion of grace (II Corinthians 1:15); for Paul desired to impart unto them some spiritual gifts (Romans 1:11). This is the main reason the Corinthians were so displeased that Paul would not be coming to them as he had planned. They also accused him of being unstable in his decisions by saying yes, when it may be no (II Corinthians 1:17,18).

The Corinthian Church, because of its unruliness, was the major reason Paul needed to spend as much time with them as possible. They needed that personal supervision and care.

1. What does Paul proclaim about all the promises of God which he preached among the Corinthian believers? (II Corinthians 1:20) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Who does Paul say stablisheth (empties out) he and his fellow laborers with the Church of Corinth in Christ and had anointed them? (II Cor-

inthians 1:21) \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 23, Paul resumes his subject of verse 16:

*I call God for a record (witness) upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth (or the reason I haven't come to you yet is that I don't want to sadden you with a severe rebuke; II Corinthians 1:23;LB).*

3. Paul doesn't want to go to them as a rebuker (to scold you); but he wants his visit to be for another reason. What reason? \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul wants to bring joy to them. He wants to make them happy, not sad.