

Introduction: 2 Corinthians 1:1-24

A letter from Paul to the church of God, in particular to the saints v1-4.

Note:

A christian is somebody who is in Christ (Baptism ..newness of life) “ To-day we have substituted credal belief for personal belief, and that is why so many are devoted to causes and so few devoted to Jesus Christ.

The reason for the letter v4-9 is that there troubles would be received so they could be comforted in their trouble.

Note:

Before you were saved, God was a deliverer, v8-10..But now he is my Saviour and deliverer **to whom we Trust** (Paul is coming to give them a second benefit)

2 Corinthians 1:15-24.

Paul desiring to come to them, because of the earnest of the Spirit..v22 (So they would stand by faith.)

Statement:

If it is by sight then it is no more by faith.

Note:

The meaning of Earnest: a desire, conviction, “to start something in earnest” to fulfil a purpose: But we are sealed with the earnest of the Spirit 2 Corinthians 5:1-7, Ephesians 1:13-14.

Biblical examples:

Romans 8:19

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Philippians 1:20

According to my earnest expectation and [my] hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but [that] with all boldness, as always, [so] now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether [it be] by life, or by death.

1. The earnest desire is from the Spirit, is to walk by faith and not by sight
(2 Corinthians 5:7)

Statement:

Our troubles begin when we look at the circumstances:

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Peter when walking on the water was sunk by circumstances (It was he could see, rather than what he could see by faith...Jesus Christ.)

Note:

No one likes the feeling that they are going to sink. (And this is where our true troubles begins, because instead of the boat being full of faith in God it is full of doubt and discouragement.)

“ I was trying to putt, and it wasn't long before my yea was turning into a nay” (It wasn't the ball that began to sink it was me who was beginning to sink.)

2. Paul's earnest towards them (by the Spirit 2 Corinthians 1:17-19) wasn't a maybe “

Note:

The word maybe leaves the door open for doubt, discouragement and even to a place “where we get ahead of God”

Who has done that? And don't answer because!!!

Lesson:

Note the preachers in v19.. Were they preaching them selves or the person of Jesus Christ?

“Doctrine is important: who did Paul trust? “In the God that raiseth the dead”

(A preacher is somebody who preaches, that Christ died for our sins that he was buried and that he was raised from the dead 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, and that Baptism is declaration of the Gospel...to walk in newness of life.)

Statement:

The resurrected life begins when some dies:

2 Corinthians 1:9

But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Note:

It is at this point when the earnest of the Spirit takes over **2 Corinthians 5:1-7.**

1. The yea represents the will of God and his promises.
2. The nay represents our plans and our failures.

Lesson:

The world ought to be very thankful that when Jesus Christ stood before Pilate..(**He didn't protest**)

John 19:8-11, Acts 8:32

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

3. The Garden was a the place where Jesus said “yea” to the fulfilment of scripture **Isaiah 55...**

A. Our yeah is our Trust in Him.

4. When I commit something to him. (Is it just a yes I am looking for?
5. If it is a no. (The promise is still there: He will never leave us nor forsake us.)

B. Our nay is when we wont except his will in Him

1. Get ahead by my will.
2. The circumstances are to big. (Oh you just don't understand what I am going through)

C. Our yeah is not Nay.

1. This is the will of God for my life now.
2. I as your Pastor can really struggle with that.

Note:

What is the struggle? It is when sight gets in the way of the Goal.
(Jesus Christ)

“ I cant see, something is in the way”

Sermon

Our Yea is not Nay



1. I begin to protest:
2. I begin to make demands on God:
3. I begin to seek another plan:

“ Then God says don't make turn or yea into nay, but walk in faith which please me **Hebrews 11:6**