

GOING TO JUDGMENT TOGETHER
II COR. 1:13-17

Introduction:

A. Paul has avowed that he had lived properly in the world and before the Corinthians.

1. "in simplicity" = plainness, opposite of duplicity.
2. "godly sincerity," = pureness, genuineness, judged in the sunlight.
3. "not with fleshly wisdom," = not using the devices and inventions of the human mind.
4. "but by the grace of God."

B. This was a source of pride to Paul.

1. "for our rejoicing is this."
2. rejoicing = to speak loudly, vaunt one's self.
3. His conscience was clear.
 - a. "the testimony of our conscience."

C. Paul realized that he had another source of pride and rejoicing. v14

1. The Corinthian church.
2. They would be his crown of rejoicing.

D. Paul also pointed out that the Corinthian congregation could boast in him.

1. "that we are your rejoicing," "in part."
2. II Cor. 5:12.

E. When would this mutual glorying occur?

1. "in the day of the Lord Jesus."
2. They were in essence headed to judgment.
3. What will we have in eternity?
4. You will have me and I will have you.

I. PAUL EXPECTED THE CORINTHIANS TO READ HIS LETTERS AND
ACCEPT THEM AS TRUTH. V13

- A. Paul did not attempt to write letters with double meanings.
 - 1. "for we write none other things unto you, than what you read or acknowledge."
 - a. read = anaginosko - to know by reading, to learn by reading.
 - b. acknowledge = epiginosko - to give heed, to take a view, recognize.
 - 2. For our letters to you have no double meaning, they mean just what you understand them to mean.

- B. The basis of their relationship was truth.
 - 1. Paul had not practiced deception.
 - 2. You could take what he said to judgment.

II. SOME AT CORINTH BELIEVED PAUL TO BE CARELESS AND WORLDLY.
V15-17

- A. Paul sincerely believed that it would be of benefit to the Corinthians for him to visit again.
 - 1. confidence = peopthesis - persuasion, trust, assurance.
 - 2. minded = boulomai - to be willing.
 - 3. benefit = charis - kindness, favor.
 - 4. Paul considered his preaching as a favor to the Corinthians, not their attendance a favor to him.
 - 5. Preachers wrongly compliment people for attending church.

- B. When we did not come they accused him of two things.
 - 1. He was not serious when he promised to come to them.
 - a. "When I was thus minded, did I use lightness?"
 - b. lightness = elaphria - light in weight, easy to bear.
 - 2. He made his promise in the flesh.
 - a. "or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea, yea, and nay, nay?"

b. When I propose some plan do I propose it in a worldly way, saying yes today and no tomorrow?

C. Both preacher and church should be careful in judging motive.

1. Mutual trust with visible evidence to encourage it from both parties is ideal.

III. ARE WE GOING TO BE PROUD OF ONE ANOTHER AT THE JUDGMENT?

A. Am I the kind of preacher you want to acknowledge as your pastor at the judgment?

B. Do you believe yourself to be the kind of church member that will be my boasting at the judgment?