

PAUL DID NOT PREACH TO PLEASE THE PEOPLE  
II COR. 1:18-22

Introduction:

- A. Some in the church at Corinth were opposed to the ministry of Paul.
  - 1. v14.
  - 2. "a part of you."
  
- B. When Paul had to change his plans about visiting them, his detractors seized upon this to make accusations against him.
  - 1. "did I use lightness." not serious.
  - 2. "purpose according to the flesh, yea and nay."
  
- C. Paul denied these charges.
  - 1. v18.
  - 2. "As God is true, so was my preaching."

I. JESUS CHRIST NEVER WAVERED. V19

- A. Paul and his co-workers preached Jesus.
  - 1. "for the son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus, and Timotheus."
  - 2. Paul always preached Jesus.
  
- B. They preached the positive Jesus.
  - 1. "...was not yea and nay, but in him was yea."
  - 2. We affirmed Him as the true Son of God.
  
- C. He fulfilled all of God's promises. v20
  - 1. Find any promise in the Old Testament with reference to Messiah, and Jesus fulfilled it.
  - 2. Eph. 1:3.

II. GOD, EMPOWERED HIS SON TO FULFILL HIS PROMISES AND THIS SAME GOD GUIDED PAUL, SO THAT PAUL DID NOT WAVER. V21,22

- A. What had God done for them?
  - 1. v21, "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ"
    - a. stablisheth = sterizo - to set fast, fix firmly, make steadfast.
  - 2. "and hath anointed us, is God."
    - a. anointed = chrio - to touch the surface of a body slightly, graze; to rub over, anoint. The official anointing as of a king or priest.
  - 3. v22, "who hath also sealed us."
    - a. sealed = sphragizo - to seal, make fast with signet, to seal as for security, to mark with a sign or letters.
  - 4. "and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."
    - a. earnest = arrabon - caution-money, earnest-money a pledge, a down-payment.
  
- B. God's people are to present a picture of stability, and steadfastness.
  - 1. Sometimes it may appear to be unconcern, carelessness
  - 2. We may not do things spectacularly, but we look to the future.
    - a. Southdale.
    - b. Meadowcliff.