

# **NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY**

## **2 CORINTHIANS PART THREE**

### **Lesson 47**

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# Consider the Church

Young

Internal Strife

Misguided Practices

Poor Doctrine

Weak Leadership

Lots of Sin



“The church of  
God in Corinth  
... sanctified in  
Christ Jesus ...  
called” 1 Cor 1:2

“temple of the  
living God”  
2 Cor 7:1

# The Church and Paul

Started by Paul

Gossip Behind Back

Questioned Paul

Mocked Teaching

Slandered



“Dear Friends”

2 Cor 6:16

Family - Father

Loving

Corrective

# Concluding Chapters



## Paul's Defense

Not  
Vengeance

Loving and  
Controlled

Truth in  
Christ

# Concluding Chapters

Spiritual Warfare

Unanswered Prayer

Visions of Paradise

Self Examination

# Paul's Defense and "Fools Speech"

Chapters 10 and 11

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## Paul's Weapons

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Divine Power

Demolish Strongholds

Destroy All Against God

Capture Every Thought

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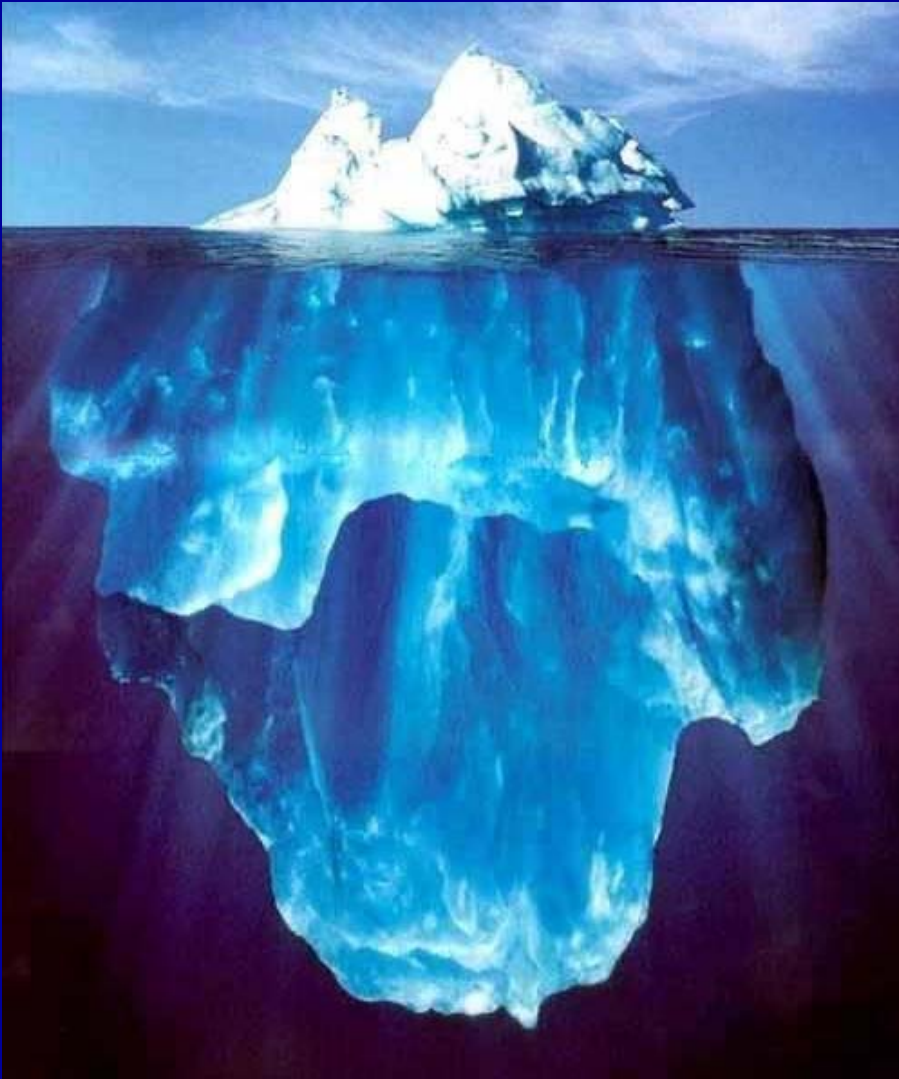
# A Question of Perspective



Corinthians Looked on  
Surface



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“I belong to  
Christ”

That Doesn't  
Make You  
Right!

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# Paul's Concern

- Effect on Church
- Arrival of “Super Apostles”

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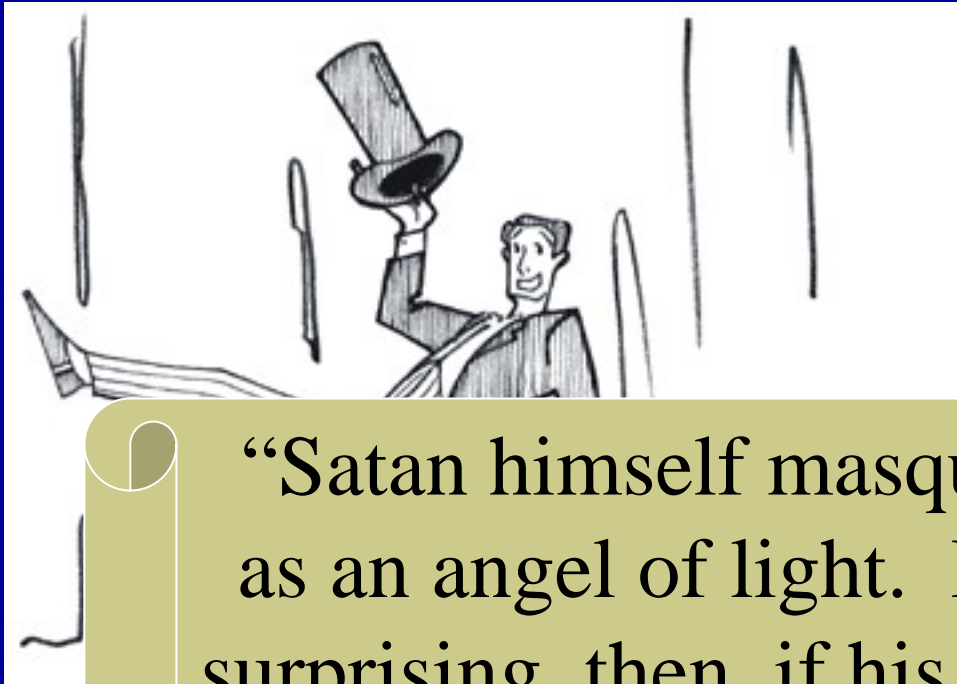


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# Arrival of Super Apostles



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“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.” (11:15)

# Arrival of Super Apostles



Pompous Fools

Think They Are  
Great?

Ask Them!

# Super Apostles <> Paul



Self Proclaimed  
Wondermen

# Super Apostles <> Paul



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# Fool's Speech

- Fool's Self Proclaim
- Paul:
  - Nut Job?
  - Encountered Jesus?
- Paul Self Proclaims Weakness

# Greatness in Weakness?

- Greatness of God
- Consider the “Visions”

I know a man in  
Christ who 14 years  
ago was caught up to  
the third heaven 12:2

“Arm’s Length” Narrative

# Visions and Thorns

- Vision Inutterable
- Thorn (Vision?) Going Nowhere
  - No Healing
  - No Conceit

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

12:9



# Final Comments

- 3d Visit Coming
- Christ Crucified in Weakness BUT Raised in Power
- Trinity Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

all 13:14

# Points for Home

1. We Have Battles
2. We Have Potent Weapons in Christ
3. Satan Deceives
4. God Works in Weakness
5. Embrace God in Our Lives