

A Survey of the Epistle to the Second Corinthians: An Autobiography of the Apostle Paul

Time: Thursdays 8:30-9:30 PM ET

Teacher: Mike Samulak

Class Limit: No limit

Course Description:

The apostle Paul has contributed greatly to the establishing of the Christian faith and the working out of the New Testament ministry, both in word and deed. Many of the epistles that were written by Paul give us a record of his active ministry and results, (eg. the book of Acts); or present to the believers a clarity of Christian doctrine (eg. the epistles to the Romans). During this course of the fall semester of the Sweet Savor Bible School participants will take a survey of the epistle to the second Corinthians to see why many bible scholars consider it to be the autobiography of the apostle Paul. By taking this survey of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians we hope that all who participate in this class would come to learn and see what is revealed in the epistle regarding Paul's person, character, convictions, and even history as such a servant of the Lord.

Course Objectives:

Participants who take this course can expect to cover the whole epistle to the second Corinthians. While surveying the text chapter by chapter the primary focus of the study will be on discovering, highlighting, and recording details seen in the letter related to the apostle Paul's person, work, character, and even elements related to his human history of accomplishments that all have contributed to his current status and operations in the world before the God and with the saints during that time as a servant of the Lord.

Course Structure:

1. Read and Discuss the portion for the week together in class
2. Outline and highlight verses together; especially those verses determined to be directly related to the apostle Paul's person and work.
3. Summarize and complete journal entry for the findings related to each session of the class (optional homework).

4. 3-5 minute final presentation by each participants of the findings for the semester during the last class of the semester (Based on time allowed and total number of class enrollment).

Week-by-week Schedule:

1. Introduction to the class and beginning of the survey by looking at some portions of 2 Corinthians Chapter 1
2. Survey of Chapter 2:1-11 and Chapter 2:12-17
3. Survey of Chapter 3:1-6 and Chapter 3:7-18
4. Survey of Chapter 4:1-6, 7-18; Chapter 5:1-8
5. Survey of Chapter 5:9 through Chapter 7:1
6. Survey of Chapter 7:2 through the end of Chapter 8
7. Survey of Chapter 9 and Chapter 10
8. Survey of Chapter 11 and Chapter 12
9. Survey of Chapter 13, conclusion, and final presentations of summaries for the semester by participants.

Homework: (Recommended, although not required)

Participants will keep a journal of their findings for each class session related to the character, work, and person of the apostle Paul seen in the epistle of second Corinthians.