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A case-study in modelling the social make-up of an early Christian community.

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During Paul's ministry, Corinth was a newly rebuilt, bustling, important city in the Roman Empire. It was a place full of pride, individualism, wealth, and religious pluralism. No wonder its inhabitants held little regard for Paul's message! Sound familiar? Our contemporary culture has much in common with ancient Corinth. The relevance of this book to churches today is astounding. Paul delivers powerful theology that turns the values of the ancient Roman world upside-down-the grace of God, the centrality of the cross, and God's power made perfect in weakness. He challenges us to live counterculturally. In this commentary on 2 Corinthians, Pastor R. Kent Hughes carefully examines this letter from the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth, continuing to provide rich biblical insight for the body of Christ. Part of the Preaching the Word series.

Articles: Comfort in All Tribulation - Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) - Biblical guidance for what to do in the midst of trials and the reason God brings them. Comfort in the Night of Weeping - Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) - a list of the consolations God grants His dear children in their suffering. Comforts of the Holy Spirit, The - John Owen (1616-1683) - how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of God's children as a great Comforter. Earthly Sorrows and Following Christ - John C. Ryle (1816-1900) - being Christ's disciple does not exempt one from suffering. God and Natural Disasters - Jerry Bridges - a Biblical look at God's Sovereignty and the forces of nature. God of All Comfort, The - Richard Sibbes (1577-1635) - a description of what true comforts are and where to find them. How Does God Comfort? - Octavius Winslow (1808-1878) - a brief look at the way God comforts His grief-stricken people. O Blessed Hurricane! - Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) - the blessings of trials that drive us into the arms of our Lord God. Tried by Fire - Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952) - What is God's purpose for us in our times of sorrow and affliction?

Ray Stedman's passion encourages you to be an authentic Christian—to move you beyond religion, doctrines, rules, and rituals—and into the life-changing experience of being genuinely and intimately connected with Christ. Authentic Christianity takes a look at 2 Corinthians to show you how to live a life of faith with integrity and regain the purpose, simplicity, and inspiration of genuine faith—the kind of life that compels others to seek its Source.

A new treatment of political theology - politically constructive and receptive to Christian tradition.

In the Lord's recovery during the past five hundred years the church's knowledge of the Lord and His truth has been continually progressing. This monumental and classical work by Brother Witness Lee builds upon and is a further development of all that the Lord has revealed to His church in the past centuries. It is filled with the revelation concerning the processed Triune God, the living Christ, the life-giving Spirit, the experience of life, and the definition and practice of the church. In this set Brother Lee has kept three basic principles that should rule and govern every believer in their interpretation, development, and expounding of the truths contained in the Scriptures. The first principle is that of the Triune God dispensing Himself into His chosen and redeemed people; the second principle is that we should interpret, develop, and expound the truths contained in the Bible with Christ for the church; and the third governing principle is Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. No other study or exposition of the New Testament conveys the life nourishment or ushers the reader into the divine revelation of God's holy Word according to His New Testament economy as this one does.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians A Commentary on the Greek Text Penn State Press

Evidence Unseen is the most accessible and careful though through response to most current attacks against the Christian worldview.

Paul was the most influential figure in the early Christian church. In this epistle, written to the founders of the church in Rome, he sets out some of his ideas on the importance of faith in overcoming mankind's innate sinfulness and in obtaining redemption. With an introduction by Ruth Rendell

WHAT IS YOUR GAME PLAN FOR LIVING? LIKE A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER or a coach in the locker room at halftime., Paul addresses the Corinthian believers as a friend, a mentor, and a apostle. At a point where others trying to manipulate them as a sect of Judaism, denying the gospel of grace, Paul's passion and zeal are more apparent in this book than in any of his other writings. Today, the struggle is not for Christianity to be unique from Judaism, but to be unique among the melting pot of religions in the world. And that which set us apart, the grace of God to send His Son to die on the cross, has never been more under siege. Paul had declared the truths of the gospel, but others came to Corinth after him and sough to undermine all he had tough. The Christians in Jerusalem were in dire need of help. The

false teachers were claiming that Paul was not even an apostle. Rumors and half-truths were common rhetoric. In order to defend the truth, Paul had to defend the call God had placed upon him, and all the things that call had led him to endure. Dan Mitchell brings Paul's word into focus challenge every believer to defend the truth, to care for those in need, and to work together in unity to accomplish the goal of presenting Christ to a dying needy world.

ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal: Psalms pairs the entirety of the book of Psalms with a lightly dotted blank page opposite each page of Bible text and hand-lettered illustrations interspersed throughout--providing space to creatively engage with and reflect on the Word of God.

The ESV Single Column Journaling Bible, Artist Series is a collection of journaling Bibles meant to celebrate the treasure of God's Word. This Bible features commissioned cover artwork designed Christian artist Ruth Chou Simons.

Born the son of a clergyman on October 18, 1662, Matthew Henry was ordained into the British Presbyterian Church where he held the pastorate in Chester from 1687 to 1712. He was widowed, married again and had 10 children, three whom died in infancy. Henry died in 1714. Henry began work on his commentary as "Notes On The New Testament" in 1704 and the monumental work was completed shortly before his death in 1714. Remembered as a caring pastor, a passionate lover of the Word of God, and a man of great personal integrity, Matthew Henry has left his mark on the hearts of countless Christians who seek a deeper understanding of the riches that Scripture contains. This edition of Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible uses the King James text and is abridged from the original six volumes while faithfully retaining all of the vibrant themes of that classic work. Everything here is in Matthew Henry's own words and nothing relevant to today's reader has been omitted.

NOW IN AN ENLARGED PRINT EDITION! Corinth was not only one of the most flourishing commercial centers of the ancient world, but also a symbol of vile debauchery. "In this hotbed of vice," writes William Barclay, "some of the greatest work of Paul was done." In his endearing, simple, and illustrative manner, Barclay shows how the message that Paul communicated to the Corinthians continues to help us who live today in the midst of twenty-first century temptations. For almost fifty years and for millions of readers, the Daily Study Bible commentaries have been the ideal help for both devotional and serious Bible study. Now, with the release of the New Daily Study Bible, a new generation will appreciate the wisdom of William Barclay. With clarification of less familiar illustrations and inclusion of more contemporary language, the New Daily Study Bible will continue to help individuals and groups discover what the message of the New Testament really means for their lives.

The earliest of the four Gospels, the book portrays Jesus as an enigmatic figure, struggling with enemies, his inner and external demons, and with his devoted but disconcerted disciples. Unlike other gospels, his parables are obscure, to be explained secretly to his followers. With an introduction by Nick Cave

The reputation of the NIGTC series is so outstanding that the appearance of each new volume is noteworthy. This book on 2

Corinthians is no exception. Master New Testament exegete Murray J. Harris has produced a superb commentary that analyzes the Greek text verse by verse against the backdrop of Paul's tumultuous relations with his converts at Corinth. Believing that Scripture cannot be understood theologically unless it has first been understood grammatically, Harris provides a careful, thoroughgoing reading of the text of 2 Corinthians. He gives special attention to matters of translation, making regular references not only to the standard modern English translations but also to influential older versions such as "The Twentieth Century New Testament" and those by Weymouth, Moffatt, and Goodspeed. His close attention to matters of textual criticism and grammar leads to discussions of the theology of 2 Corinthians that show the relevance of Paul's teaching to Christian living and church ministry. Other notable features of the book include a comprehensive introduction in which all the relevant literary and historical issues are discussed, an expanded paraphrase of the letter that conveniently shows Harris's decisions on exegetical issues and indicates the flow of Paul's argument, a chronology of the relations of Paul, Timothy, and Titus with the Corinthian church, and an excursus on Paul's "affliction in Asia" (1:8-11) and its influence on his outlook and theology.

The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23

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This commentary applies an exegetical method informed by both sociological insight and rhetorical analysis to the study of 1 and 2 Corinthians. The study also analyzes the two letters of Paul in terms of Greco-Roman rhetoric and ancient social conditions and customs to shed fresh light on the context and content of the message.

Tydale New Testament Commentaries contains the Epistle of 2 Corinthians and also book 8.

Who are the people beside Paul, and what can we know about them? This volume brings together an international and

interdisciplinary group of scholars with a broad range of expertise and a common interest: Philippi in antiquity. Each essay engages one set of contextual particularities for Paul and the ordinary people of the Philippian assembly, while simultaneously placing them in wider settings. This 'people's history' uses both traditional and more cutting-edge methods to reconsider archaeology and architecture, economy and ethnicity, prisons and priestesses, slavery, syncretism, stereotypes of Jews, the colony of Philippi, and a range of communities. The contributors are Valerie Abrahamsen, Richard S. Ascough, Robert L. Brawley, Noelle Damico, Richard A. Horsley, Joseph A. Marchal, Mark D. Nanos, Peter Oakes, Gerardo Reyes Chavez, Angela Standhartinger, Eduard Verhoef, and Antoinette Clark Wire. Features An examination of the social forms and forces that shaped and affected the Philippian church Essays offer insight into standard questions about the letter's hymn and audience, Paul's 'opponents,' and the sites of the community and of Paul's imprisonment A focused exploration of more marginalized topics and groups, including women, slaves, Jews, and members of localized cults

For hundreds of years John Calvin's Commentaries have been admired and relied upon for their deep insights into Scripture. Charles Spurgeon told his students, "It would not be possible for me too earnestly to press upon you the importance of reading the expositions of that prince among men, John Calvin! Of all commentators I believe John Calvin to be the most candid. He was no trimmer and pruner of texts. He gave their meaning as far as he knew it. His honest intention was to translate the Hebrew and the Greek originals as accurately as he possibly could, and then to give the meaning which would naturally be conveyed by such Greek and Hebrew words: he laboured, in fact, to declare, not his own mind upon the Spirit's words, but the mind of the Spirit as couched in those words." And even Arminius himself admitted, "Next to the perusal of the Scriptures, which I earnestly inculcate, I exhort my pupils to peruse Calvin's commentaries, for I affirm that he excels beyond comparison in the interpretation of Scripture, and that his commentaries ought to be more highly valued than all that is handed down to us by the Library of the Fathers; so that I acknowledge him to have possessed above most others, or rather above all other men, what may be called an eminent gift of prophecy."

Giving generously, even sacrificially, is part of radical Christian discipleship. In this booklet, John Sott takes us through the Apostle Paul's teaching on giving. The Didasko Files RESOURCES FROM THE LAUSANNE MOVEMENT The Lausanne Movement is a confessional movement that seeks to articulate the role of today's Church. It links together evangelical movements around the world, and is the largest representative gathering of the Church. The Didasko Files is a growing series--that takes its name from the New Testament Greek verb didasko, meaning "I teach"--used by those involved with the Lausanne Movement. These books are meant to serve the world's Church by helping Christians to grow in their faith.

Let one of the most beloved and respected Bible teachers of our time guide you verse-by-verse through the Scriptures with The Wiersbe Bible Commentary New Testament, the trusted reference you'll love to read.

From the second century to the present, 2 Corinthians offers its riches grudgingly, if at all; and even then it demands only the most careful and attentive inquiries. The Abingdon New Testament Commentaries series provides compact, critical commentaries on

the writings of the New Testament. These commentaries are written with special attention to the needs and interests of theological students, but they will also be useful for students in upper-level college or university settings, as well as for pastors and other religious leaders. In addition to providing basic information about the New Testament texts and insights into their meanings, these commentaries are intended to exemplify the tasks and procedures of careful, critical biblical exegesis. "2 Corinthians is a treasure hidden in a thorny thicket. It is so rich, so full of theological insight, so packed with hope and possibility, so aware of dark human tendencies and human vulnerability, and so radical in its reevaluation of what is true and real." From the Introduction

**Delve Deeper into God's Word** In this verse-by-verse commentary, Robert Gundry offers a fresh, literal translation and a reliable exposition of Scripture for today's readers. Second Corinthians is largely a response to a previous letter that Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. This epistle not only praises the church for its response but also defends Paul's apostolic authority. Pastors, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, and laypeople will welcome Gundry's nontechnical explanations and clarifications. And Bible students at all levels will appreciate his sparkling interpretations. This selection is from Gundry's Commentary on the New Testament.

In this passage-by-passage commentary on 2 Corinthians, Linda Belleville shows how Paul's response to the commercial and hedonistic hotbed of Corinth can serve as model for all disciples who are confronted with a culture of individualism and materialism.

God wants you to learn to rely on Him more than on yourself. Being a God-dependent woman will make you stronger and more effective in life than you could ever be on your own. The key to being a God-dependent woman is dependent living. Paul teaches you how to do that in 2nd Corinthians. Start living this way today!

The Understanding the Bible Commentary Series helps readers navigate the strange and sometimes intimidating literary terrain of the Bible. These accessible volumes break down the barriers between the ancient and modern worlds so that the power and meaning of the biblical texts become transparent to contemporary readers. The contributors tackle the task of interpretation using the full range of critical methodologies and practices, yet they do so as people of faith who hold the text in the highest regard. Pastors, teachers, and lay people alike will cherish the truth found in this commentary series.

"Besides Jesus, no one has kept me from despair, or taken me deeper into the mysteries of the gospel, than the apostle Paul." —John Piper No one has had a greater impact on the world for eternal good than the apostle Paul—except Jesus himself. For John Piper, this impact is very personal. He does not just admire and trust Paul. He loves him. Piper gives us thirty glimpses into why his heart and mind respond this way. Can a Christian-killer really endure 195 lashes from a heart of love? Can a mystic who thinks he was caught up into heaven be a model of lucid rationality? Can an ethnocentric Jew

write the most beautiful call to reconciliation? Can a person who lives with the unceasing anguish of empathy be always rejoicing? Can a man's description of the horrors of human sin be exceeded by his delight in human splendor? Can a man with a backbone of steel be as tender as a nursing mother? If we know this man—if we see what Piper sees—we too will love him. Paul's testimony is a matter of life and death. Piper invites you into his relationship with Paul in the hope that you will know life, forever.

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

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