

The background of the slide is a photograph of ancient Greek temple ruins. Several tall, fluted columns stand in a row, supporting a large, rectangular stone entablature. To the left, a tree with green and yellowing leaves is partially visible. The ground is a mix of dirt and rocks. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

“His Seal of Ownership”
2 Corinthians 1:12 - 2:13

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Doctrines class:

- ❖ Theology proper
- ❖ Christology
- ❖ Pneumatology
(Holy Spirit)
- ❖ Soteriology
(salvation)
- ❖ Ecclesiology
(the church)
- ❖ Angelology
(including Satan)
- ❖ Eschatology
(end times)

What will we learn?

- ❖ Salvation starts with God, and it includes every person of the Trinity.
- ❖ God's people should be faithful.
- ❖ Disciples of Jesus should lead like Jesus.



Joe Belz:

“People want to be lightly governed
by strong governments.”



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Britian

Belgica

Germania

Sarmatia

Gaul

Dacia

BLACK SEA

Spain (Tarshish?)

Illyricum

Moesia

Italy

• ROME

Thrace

Pontus

Armenia

Roman Empire

Furthest extent in years 8 to 115 A.D.

Macedonia

Cappadocia

SYRIAN ANTIOCH

Africa

Achia

Asia Minor

Galatia

Euphrates River

Syria

GREAT SEA (The Mediterranean)

Crete

Cyprus

• JERUSALEM

Numidia

Cyrenacia

Nabatea (Arabia)

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REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

Egypt

Nile River

RED SEA

Tools for epistles:

- ❖ Read it in one setting.
- ❖ Remember that it's someone else's mail.
- ❖ Look for the occasion.



Major themes:

- ❖ Centrality of Jesus
- ❖ Apostolic ministry
- ❖ Hope of glory



2 Corinthians 1:1-11

- ❖ Suffering brings comfort from God.
- ❖ Suffering produces “patient endurance.”
- ❖ Suffering and comfort equip us for ministry.

2 Corinthians 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

2 Corinthians 1:13-14

For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.



Paul's critics:

- ❖ His speech / appearance are unimpressive.
- ❖ He keeps changing his plans.
- ❖ Trouble follows him everywhere he goes.
- ❖ What about the money we donated for "Jerusalem?"

2 Corinthians 1:15-16

Because I was confident of this, I wanted to visit you first so that you might benefit twice. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you send me on my way to Judea.



Greece & the Aegean

as traveled by Paul

THESSALONICA
BEREA
PHILIPPI

Macedonia

SEA OF MARMARA

TROAS

ASSOS

PERGAMUM

THYATIRA

Asia Minor

AGEAN SEA

DELPHI

SMYRNA

PHILADELPHIA

CORINTH

ATHENS

EPHESUS

LAODICEA

Achaia

SPARTA

Patmos

MILETUS

Lycia

ATTALIA

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Rhodes

PATARA

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

Crete

2 Corinthians 1:17-18

Was I fickle when I intended to do this? Or do I make my plans in a worldly manner so that in the same breath I say both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”? But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.”

2 Corinthians 1:19-20

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us — by me and Silas and Timothy — was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.



Paul on salvation:

- ❖ Romans 8:9-11
- ❖ Ephesians 1:13-14
- ❖ Ephesians 4:30
- ❖ Philippians 1:6

Ephesians 1:13-14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:23-24

I call God as my witness — and I stake my life on it — that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.

2 Corinthians 2:1-3

So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? I wrote as I did, so that when I came I would not be distressed by those who should have made me rejoice.

2 Corinthians 2:3-4

I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.



2 Corinthians 2:5

Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure — not to put it too severely — to all of you.

2 Corinthians 2:6-7

For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.



2 Corinthians 2:8-9

So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.
For this is why I wrote, that I might
test you and know whether you are
obedient in everything.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

**“Go ahead ...
you can do it!
No one is watching!”**



2 Corinthians 2:12-13

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

What have we learned?

- ❖ Salvation starts with God, and it includes every person of the Trinity.
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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

