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2 Corinthians 1:12-22

Content Questions

1. Why did Paul have to defend his integrity in vs.12-14?
2. Why was Paul being criticized as a man who cannot make a decision?
3. What are the three aspects of God establishing us in vs.21-22?

Application Questions

1. When you appeal to your conscience is it a subjective sense or is it tethered to the objective reality of God's word?
2. Is there a disconnect between the message (the gospel) and the messenger (you) when it comes to the truth?
3. Describe the harm done to Christendom when its ministers are manipulative and calculating. Have you been affected by this personally?

Memory verse: "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him." 2 Cor 1:20a

A Timeline For 2 Corinthians

1. Paul promises to see them after his trip to Macedonia - 1 Cor 16:5-7
2. Paul changes his plans and decided to visit them first on his way to Macedonia and then again on his way back - 2 Cor 1:15-16.
3. Paul makes the first visit, but it was so painful both for him and the church - 2 Cor 2:1
4. After this visit either Paul or his representative was deeply insulted by the anti-Paul party - 2 Cor 2:5-10, 7:12
5. Because the first visit was so painful and for other reasons, Paul saw no benefit for the second visit and abandoned his plans to visit on his return from Macedonia.
6. Paul sends Titus from Ephesus to Corinth with a letter 2 Cor 2:3-9 which many scholars consider to be the severe letter written between 1 & 2 Cor. Titus was there to receive the contribution for poor Christians in Judea. 2 Cor 8:6, 8:16-17. The Corinthians did not give as they should have 2 Cor 8:10-11, 9:5.
7. Paul leaves Ephesus and suffers his severe affliction 2 Cor 1:8
8. Paul goes to Macedonia, organizes a collection for the poor saints in Judea. He meets Titus in Macedonia where he learns of the Corinthians response to the severe letter 2 Cor 7:5-7.
9. Paul writes 2 Cor in the fall of 56 A.D.