

Week beginning Monday April 12th 2020

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2 Corinthians Chapter 10 -

1-7 When we are misunderstood or maligned in our service, do we react as Paul does here? Do we recognise the difference between spiritual battles and fleshly battles (cf Eph 6:12)? Who do we compare ourselves with (v12)? What makes us proud/boast? How do we know when the Lord commends us?

Chapter 11 –

Have we any friends we have introduced to Jesus? How would we feel if they 'backslid'? This 'pure virgin' and 'sincere and pure devotion' language, 'different spirit' and 'different gospel' talk -has ours changed from that of Wesley? Have we ever recognised 'angels of light' (v14) when they have join our congregations and appeared in our pulpits? How did we react? Do some televangelists come to mind here? How do we treat those who come humbly?

Chapter 12 -

Would we take this 'man in Christ' seriously or find 'explanations' for his story, or simply dismiss it? How can we discern the difference? 1 Cor 2:14; 1 Cor 12:10; Heb 4:12).
v7 I wonder what revelations Paul was talking about?
v9 Do we boast, pray for healing or allow God's power to show through? Don't miss verse 10!
v21 is Paul cross-referencing 2 Cor 11:2,3 here?

Chapter 13 -

v4 A verse for us to ponder over with Easter in our rear-view mirrors.
v5 "Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." (from The Message)
Finally, after all that, what a beautiful final few verses, No harbouring of grudges here!
Let's take v11 and do it!

Galatians Chapter 1 -