

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 7, 2009

“A Change in Plans”
2 Corinthians 1:18-20
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How did Paul respond to the charges against him by certain false teachers that he lacked personal integrity (2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4)?

Paul, first of all, responded to the charges against him by introducing the testimony of his own conscience (2 Corinthians 1:12-14).

Paul, secondly, responded to the charges against him by denying them (2 Corinthians 1:15-17).

Paul, thirdly, responded to the charges against him by affirming his faithfulness as a messenger of God (2 Corinthians 1:18-22).

Paul, in affirming his faithfulness as a messenger of God, began by comparing his faithfulness to the faithfulness of God (2 Corinthians 1:18).

Paul initially supported his claim of faithfulness as a messenger by declaring that the message he had given to the Corinthians was true (2 Corinthians 1:19).

Silvanus (Silas) was a prominent leader in the Jerusalem church who later replaced Barnabas as Paul's traveling companion at the very beginning of Paul's second missionary journey (Acts 15:22, 39-40).

Timothy was Paul's beloved son in the faith who joined up with Paul and Silvanus in Lystra just before they went to the city of Corinth for the first time to preach Christ (Acts 16:1; 18:5).

Paul continued to support his claim of faithfulness as a messenger of God by showing that what he said about Christ complemented what God had said about Christ in the Old Testament (2 Corinthians 1:20).

The word “amen” is a solemn affirmation of the truthfulness of a statement.

When Paul speaks of “our” amen resulting in glory being brought to God “through us,” he is referring specifically to the Corinthians’ initial “amen” given in response to Paul’s preaching of the gospel.

May God give us the grace to say “amen” each and every day of our lives as we consider the gospel of Christ so that God may through us receive the glory that He is due.