

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 22, 2012

Paul's Defense of His Foolish Boasting
2 Corinthians 11:13-15

How did Paul defend his willingness to engage in what he considered foolish boasting in 2 Corinthians 11:2-15?

Paul defended his willingness to engage in what he considered to be foolish boasting by highlighting his godly jealousy for the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 11:2-6).

He defended his willingness to engage in what he considered to be foolish boasting by highlighting his no-charge policy and its implications (2 Corinthians 11:7-12).

Paul defended his willingness to engage in what he considered to be foolish boasting by highlighting the true identity of his opponents while denouncing them in the strongest possible terms (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

The term “false apostles” (PSEUDAPOSTOLOS) appears nowhere else in the New Testament and was most likely coined by Paul himself.

The word “deceitful” (DOLIOI) comes from a Greek noun that means “bait.”

The word “disguising” (METASCHEMATIZOMENOI) refers to a change of outward appearance only.

This is the only time that Satan is described as “an angel of light,” though the idea is certainly found in the Old Testament in Isaiah 14:12-15.

The “end” that Paul alluded to in 2 Corinthians 11:15 and that awaited his opponents in Corinth was the “lake of fire” described in Revelation 20:11-15.

May we by the grace of God be willing to powerfully denounce any false teacher who we believe has begun to threaten the spiritual welfare of those that we love and care about.