

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 12, 2012

Paul's Final Appeal To The Unrepentant
2 Corinthians 13:1-4

How did Paul minister to the unrepentant among the Corinthians in his final appeal to them in 2 Corinthians 13:1-10?

He warned them (2 Corinthians 13:1-4).

He warned them concerning the judgment that was about to come to them on his next visit to them, if they remained unrepentant.

When Paul warned these still as yet unrepentant Corinthians concerning the judgment that was about to come to them, he was referring to what we commonly refer to as church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20).

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 13:2, wanted to make sure the unrepentant Corinthians understood that they had been warned in advance of the judgment that would spare none of them.

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 13:3, made it clear to these still as yet unrepentant Corinthians that the reason why he was bringing judgment upon them was to provide them with proof that the same Christ who was strong in them was the same Christ who spoke in him.

The further proofs that Paul provided in 2 Corinthians 13:4 that the Christ who was mighty in them was the same Christ who spoke in him were the parallels between him and Christ.

May God give us the grace to practice church discipline so that our sinning brothers and sisters in Christ might be served, our church protected, and the Lord glorified.