

2 Corinthians 2:12-14

LESSON 08

Triumph in Christ

1. 2:12-13 – Troas and Titus

- a. *“Furthermore”* – in addition to what? His ongoing travel report - 1:8; 1:15-16, 1:23
- b. *“when I came to Troas”* – mentioned 4x: Acts 16:8-11; Acts 20:5-6, 2 Tim 4:13, here
- c. *“from thence to Macedonia”* – This fits best in Acts 20:1-2 when he left Asia
- d. *“Christ’s gospel”* – the one given to Paul - 1Co 1:17, 9:17, 2Co 4:5, Gal 1:11, 2Tim 1:11
- e. *“a door was opened unto me of the Lord”* – Doors of opportunity to preach the Lord.
 - i. The doors were opened because Paul was knocking down walls 2Co 10:4
 - ii. Open doors are not easy ways to success – but opportunity to do God’s will.
 - iii. Open doors are better than ones slammed shut– 2 Thess 3:1-2
 - iv. Paul’s open doors would be seen by many today as brick walls – 1Co 16:9
 - v. 2:13 - Paul had an open door and he closed it and went another direction
- f. *“I had no rest in my spirit”* – Paul was in personal distress over verse 4
 - i. This to show his love toward them, that he left Troas to meet Titus sooner.
- g. *“found not Titus”* – whom he sent to Corinth – 2 Cor 8:16, 12:18. Paul desired him
- h. *“taking my leave... into Macedonia”* – Which means it was not Acts 20:6-13
- i. What follows 2:12-13 is parenthetical arriving at 7:5-13
 - i. The parenthesis is Paul approving his ministry of God by grace – 2 Cor 6:4

2. 2:14 – Our Triumph in Christ

- a. *“Thanks be unto God”* – 1 Thess 5:18, but have you ever thanked him for this?
- b. *“always causeth us to triumph in Christ”* – This is where you put Rom 8:28-37
 - i. Triumph over what? Suffering, death - 1Cor 15:54-58, Phil 4:11-13, 1:20
- c. *“and maketh manifest... by us”* – Col 1:26; 2 Tim 2:9-11
- d. *“by us in every place”* – Paul’s ministry is proven – see 1 Th 1:8