LESSONS THIS QUARTER				
1)	04 March 201	81Cor 1-3	United in Christ	
2)	11 March	1Cor 4-6	Glorifying God	
3)	18 March	1Cor 7	Keeping Commitments	
4)	25 March	1Cor 8-10	Influencing for Christ	
5)	01 April	1Cor 15-16	Assurance of the Resurrection	
6)	08 April	1Cor 11	Remembering the Sacrifice	
7)	15 April	1Cor 12 & 14	Serving God's People	
8)	22 April	1Cor 13	Understanding Love	
9)	29 April	2Cor 1-2	Enjoying God's Comfort	
10)	06 May	2Cor 3-5	Displaying the Gospel	
11)	13 May	2Cor 5-7	Becoming New	
12)	20 May	2Cor 7-9	Giving Faithfully	
13)	27 May	2Cor 10-13	Finding Strength	

INTRODUCTION

- We are given the ministry of reconciliation to bring sinners to Christ and to fix broken relationships this is a priority for all Christians
- Also, do we love others enough to point them to Christ
 - Do we love God enough to fix what is broke in our lives?
 - And, do we THINK before we act?

Passage	Comments		
2Cor 5:1-10	Prepared for Eternity v5. God has prepared us for eternal habitation. This is a great motivator to do God's will unashamedly & boldly v7. We walk by faith not by sight		
5:11-21	How <u>aggressive</u> do we need to share the Gospel? Here's what Paul did: He exhorted, expounded, testified, spoke boldly, urged, argued, reasoned, taught, pleaded, persuaded, proved, and convinced his listeners of the truth		
5:13	 Should Christians appear Insane? Some Christians do come across as weird and strange for their judgmental behavior or unbiblical beliefs (e.g., modern day snake handlers, militant anti-abortionists, so-called faith healers, etc.). Any other strange behaviors Christians do? Other Christians are portrayed as outdated, unscientific, or intolerant (e.g., Pro-life advocates, Young Earth proponents, morality truists) Albert Einstein's Definition of Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results (e.g., gambling, taking on debt, becoming unequally yoked) Exception: Praying and trusting in God's Word even when circumstances remain unfavorable This is why the Apostle Paul is viewed as insane (Acts 26:25), or as a fool (1Cor 4:10), and why Peter calls us a "peculiar people" (1Pet 2:9) This world is not our true home. True Christians will have trouble fitting in with family, friends, and work place BUT make sure it is not due to any unbiblical behavior 		
1Cor 5:14-21 and Calvin- ism	 Did Christ die for ALL or just for All the elect? 5-point Calvinists hold that Christ only died for the elect The context of this passage indicates Christ did indeed die for all the elect and non-elect (5:14) Consider how 5:15 shows that Christ died for all (elect and non-elect), and those who live (elect) should live for Christ Also recall 1Cor 15:22-24 that in Adam all die (elect and non-elect), so that by Christ all are made alive (elect and non-elect), but in order – Christ the firstfruits, then the elect, then the rest – Some to eternal life, others to eternal Hell Argument. If Christ only died for the elect, then Adam's fall only affected the elect. But that reasoning has no basis since it is clear from Scripture Adam's fall hit all creation. 		
6:1-2	Why the <u>urgency</u> to share the Gospel? Because TODAY is the day of salvation		

Passage	Comments	
6:3-10	Paul's credentials are based on the Gospel truth Paul earned his T-shirt the hard way in sufferings and persecutions and in the demonstrated power of the Gospel he had up to that time (i.e., the signs of an Apostle included healings, miracles, powers and wonders, and in the giving of the Holy Spirit to distinct groups)	
6:11-13	Paul voiced he was totally open to sharing everything he had which made him vulnerable to vicious attacks The Corinthians, however, were closed-hearted to their own hurt. Paul told them to warmly open up	
6:14-18	Do not be Unequally Yoked Paul told the Corinthians in 1Cor 5 that it was OK to maintain relationships with immoral unbelievers but not with immoral believers	
NOTE	Principles to live by when we are unequally yoked • Keep agreements even to our own hurtPs 15:4 • Seek a way out before things get worseMat 5:25	
7:1-4	Priority → Clean up Life Sweep the trash out & get serious about living a holy life by obeying God's commands (which are not heavy or difficult) This is our responsibility	
7:5-16	Sorrowful to the point of repentance God has numerous ways to motivate His wayward childre to straighten their lives out Godly sorrow through loss of fellowship Godly motivation through fear, discipline, or rewards God's goodness leads to repentance	

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- It's OK to be a fool or insane for Christ to continue praying and obeying even though we do not see different results
- Do we consider every aspect of our walk and talk and how holy we need to be before a Holy and Righteous God and before an unholy & unrighteous world?

NEXT WEEK: 2Cor 8-9. Giving is another priority we need to factor in



"That moment when you try to explain to Jesus how hard your life has been lately."