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BY LITERARY STYLE (GENRE)

2 Corinthians 5

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God’s whole counsel

Though all Scripture is not written TO us,
all Scripture is written FOR us.
(1 Corinthians 10:6,11).

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Biblical Genres

GENRE	BOOKS / SECTIONS
LAW (TORAH)	Genesis – Deuteronomy
HISTORY	Joshua – Esther, Acts
POETRY & WISDOM	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
MAJOR PROPHETS	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel
MINOR PROPHETS	Hosea – Malachi
GOSPELS	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
EPISTLES (LETTERS)	Romans – Jude
APOCALYPTIC	Daniel (Visions), Revelation

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Where should we begin when it comes to the various types of literature in the Bible?

EPISTLES

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- THE UNIQUENESS OF AN EPISTLE
  - IT IS DOCTRINAL
  - IT IS DIDACTIC (from “didasko” – to teach).

An Epistle is a Spirit-inspired letter, written by Spirit-filled apostles, to individuals and churches:

- To explain who Jesus is and what He has done for us (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 John 1:7)
- To guide, encourage, correct, and train us to live Spirit-filled lives (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

WE WILL APPLY THESE PRINCIPLES TO 2 CORINTHIANS 5

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QUESTIONS TO ASK IN THE EPISTLES?

- CONTEXT?
- WHO?
- WHAT?
- WHERE?
- WHEN?
- WHY?

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THE CONTEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-4:15

- We are the FRAGRANCE of the knowledge of Christ (2:14)
- A LETTER known and read by everybody (3:2-3)
- REFLECT the Lord's glory (3:18)
- Are being TRANSFORMED (3:18)
- We have the LIGHT of the knowledge of the glory of God (4:6)
- We have this treasure in JARS OF CLAY (4:7)

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OBSERVATIONS

- **CONNECTING WORDS**
  - THEREFORE (4:16)
  - NOW (5:1)
  - THEREFORE (5:6)
  - SINCE THEN (5:11)
  - SO, FROM NOW ON (5:16)

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OBSERVATIONS

- **CAUSE & EFFECT**
  - IF . . . WE HAVE (5:1)
  - AS LONG AS . . . WE ARE AWAY (5:6)
  - SINCE . . . WE TRY TO PERSUADE MEN. (5:11)
  - THEREFORE IF . . . HE IS (5:17)
  - WHO RECONCILED US AND GAVE US THE
  - MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION . . .WE ARE
  - CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS (5:20)

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OBSERVATIONS

- **MOTIVATIONS**
  - TO PLEASE HIM
  - WE MUST ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (5:9)
  - CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US (5:14)
- **DIRECT COMMANDS**

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OBSERVATIONS

- **WHAT DOCTRINAL TRUTHS/PRINCIPLES CAN WE DISCOVER**
  - WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (5:4)
  - THOSE IN CHRIST ARE A NEW CREATION (5:17)
  - OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY/BECOME NEW (5:17)
  - GOD HAS RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF (5:18)
  - GOD HAS GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION (5:19)
  - WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST (5:20)
  - GOD MADE CHRIST TO BE SIN FOR US (5:21)
  - THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM (5:21)

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