

II CORINTHIANS

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I. AUTHORSHIP

- 1) External evidence - good.
- 2) Internal Evidence -
compares favorably with I Cor.

II. DATE: Fall, AD 56 from
Macedonia

III. OCCASION

1) Paul hear a good report that the Corinthian church, repented of their former hostility against Paul.

(II Cor. 7:8-11)

IV. THEMES

1) Paul's joy at their good response to him. (chs 1-7)

2) His plan to collect money for the relief offering for Jerusalem believers. (chs. 8-9)

3) Defended himself against harsh critics who posed a serious threat. (chs. 10-13)

V. INTEGRITY OF THE TEXT

Many NT scholars today question the unity of the text.

1) Is II Cor. 6:14-7:1 the "previous letter" mentioned in I Cor. 5:9? NOT LIKELY!

2) Was II Cor. 10-12 written at a different time than chs. 1-9? Was it the "sorrowful letter" of II Cor. 2:4?

a) No Manuscript evidence for this.

b) Explanations for the change in tone:

- chs. 1-9 for repentant majority & chs. 10-13 for reactionary minority.

- or a delay after writing chs. 1-9 & Paul heard about more divisiveness.









