

**Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church
Bible Sharing Program 2011-12
2Corinthians #10: Further Warning Regarding
Paul's Third Visit; Conclusion**

PFE = Paul for Everyone 2 Corinthians
NJBC = New Jerome Biblical Commentary
CSB = Ignatius Catholic Study Bible
HO = Special Handout
SK = Sze Go Chinese Bible

A	<p><u>Introduction of related scriptural passages</u></p> <p>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening”</p>	<p>2Cor 12:14 – 13:13</p> <p>1Sam 3:9</p>
B	<p><u>Paul's Fatherly Compassionate & Stern Concern for the Corinthian Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcing his upcoming third visit. The first visit lasted for 18 months; the second visit is discussed in BSP 1 notes. “And I will not be a burden, because I do not want what is yours but you, for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children”. “Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?” “This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect.” – Such meaningful teachings echo with the Church leaders' beliefs. Paul refuses to be a financial burden to the Corinthian Church but his action is perceived as a lack of love the Corinthians. Contrarily, his acceptance of the donations raised by the Christians in Jerusalem has been misconstrued as embezzlement. “Did I take advantage of you?” “Titus did not take advantage of you, did he?” Clergies and Church leaders must remember to be careful with handling money and be transparent in their accounting. 	<p>2Cor 12:14-21</p> <p>2Cor 12: 14a, CSB</p> <p>2Cor 12: 14b, 13: 5, 9</p> <p>2Cor 12:16-18, NJBC, SK Note 2</p>
C	<p><u>Warning and Benediction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Any charge must be sustained by two or three witnesses” comes from Deut 17:6, 19:15. The witnesses of God the Father and God the Son are trustworthy. In light of this requirement, Paul emphasized the importance of justice in handling criminals. However, he will not be lenient. Like Christ, the Apostles reveal their strength in weakness. One must realize that Christ lives among us. “For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for that you may become perfect.” Paul does not emphasize the authority and strength (“strong”) of the Apostles but the fulfillment of the Corinthian Church (ability). The love of a shepherd towards his sheep is evident here. <p>“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” is the earliest and most distinct use of the Holy Trinity in greetings.</p>	<p>2Cor 13:1-13</p> <p>2Cor 13:1, CSB Mt 18:16-17 Jn 8:16-18</p> <p>2Cor 13:3-5, CSB</p> <p>2Cor 13:9 CSB SK Note 1</p> <p>2Cor 13:13 CSB CCC 249</p>
D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusion: BSP is celebrating its 10th anniversary. May God bless you all! 	

HO1: (CCC 249)

From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism. It finds its expression in the rule of baptismal faith, formulated in the preaching, catechesis and prayer of the Church. Such formulations are already found in the apostolic writings such as this salutation taken up in the Eucharistic liturgy: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of the God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2Cor 13:13).