BOAST IN THE LORD

2 Corinthians 10:1–18

Key Verse: 10:17

1. How does Paul begin this section of his letter? (1a) How was he being criticized? (1b) About what was he concerned? (2a; 12:20; 13:2,10; cf. 1Co4:19–21)
2. How often is the word “world” repeated and what does it mean? (2b–4a; cf. Ro8:5) In waging “war,” what are his “weapons”? (verse 4; see 6:7; Eph6:13–18; 1Th5:8) Where does their “power” come from? (verse 4; see 4:7; 13:3,4) What can we learn here?
3. What “strongholds” does Paul seek to “demolish”? (4b–6) What kinds of “arguments” and “pretensions” is he talking about? (5; 2Ki19:22; Isa2:11,12,17) Why do we need to make our every thought obedient to Christ? (2:11; Mt15:19) What was Paul’s goal for this church? (6; 2Th1:8)
4. What else did Paul tell the Corinthians, and why? (7 and see footnote; cf. 5:12) What did Paul “boast” about? (8) What misunderstanding does he mention again? (9,10; see verse 1) What did he want people to realize? (11)
5. How does Paul contrast himself with his opponents? (12–15a,16b) What is his hope? (15b,16a) What is Paul’s conclusion, and what Scripture does he quote? (17; cf. 1Co1:31) What does it mean to “boast in the Lord”? (Ro15:17,18) How can we do this? What is Paul’s conclusion about this? (18)