



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Study questions for 2nd Corinthians 2v12-3v6

Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !

vs 12-13 Notice again the natural division of this book. This verse begins with the word "Now" (JND, RSV, ASV & NASB) because the Greek word $\delta\epsilon$ is there. The writer is changing subjects "NOW" ! Translations that leave this word out miss the signal of a new section. Despite an "open door" for the Gospel, where was Paul still troubled, or anxious ? Why ? (Notice how the key words of this book "I" and "we" are used in vs 12-15.)

v 14 How does God lead us ?

vs 15-16 Who "smells" the aroma when we spread the knowledge of Christ (cf v14) ?

v 17 From, or for what motive did Paul preach the Gospel ?

v 1 Man made chapters often get in the way of inspired Scripture. Here is an example! The subject has not changed, so the chapter is NOT following the natural divisions of the book. What does Paul say about "commendation" (word of mouth recommending) or "a letter of commendation" (like a "diploma" in the context of v2) ?

vs 2-3 Why doesn't Paul need "a letter of commendation" for the work he was called to do ?

v 4 From where did Paul's confidence before God come ?

vs 5-6a The word "adequate" was already used in the previous chapter, verse 16. Here it is used three more times. That shows we are still in the same natural division or thought. What is the answer given here, to the question at the end of chapter 2v16 ? How can we apply this to our own lives ?

(Notice that we will consider v6b next time as the subject of the New Covenant continues.)