

2 Corinthians
The Heart of An Apostle
Part 19: "Paul's Last Humble Boast"
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

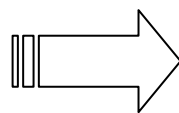
2 Corinthians 11:2

"I am jealous for you with a _____ jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him."

Paul's Inner Turmoil



Mountain Top to Valley



2 Corinthians 12:1-4a

¹I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a _____ in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴was caught up to _____.

"Paul's Last Humble Boast"

2 Corinthians 12:4b-6

He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. ⁵I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my _____.

⁶Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say.

Colossians 2:18

¹⁸Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has _____, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.

Galatians 4:17

"Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to _____ you from us so that you may be zealous for them."

Heaven

1. First heaven (Ge.8:2, Dt.11:11, 1Ki.8:35)
2. Second heaven (Ge. 15:5, Ps.8:3)
3. Third heaven (2 Cor. 12:2)

2 Corinthians 12:7-9a

⁷To keep me from becoming _____ because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am _____.

HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT!