





# 2 Corinthians – A Brief Review

1. In the first section **(1-7)** Paul wants them to understand his ministry of suffering for the sake of the gospel was not a sign of weakness.
2. In the second section **(7-9)** Paul wants them to keep their promise to contribute to the poor saints in Jerusalem.
3. In this third and last major section **(10-13)** Paul confronts those who oppose him and are stirring up trouble in Corinth.

***“Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles!” (11:5; cf. 12:11)***

# Super-Apostles?

- So translated in **ESV, CSB, NRSV, NIV**
  - *“Most eminent apostles”* (**NASU; NKJV**); *“Chiefest apostles”* (**KJV**)
- We don’t know exactly when these *“super-apostles”* arrived in Corinth
- They were preaching *“another Jesus,”* a *“different spirit,”* and a *“different gospel”* than Paul had taught them (**11:4**)
- The tone of chapters **10-13** suits the situation, as Paul sarcastically confronts the *“super-apostles!”*

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  - Paul's **preferred** method for dealing with these false teachers?

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  - What is Paul fully prepared to do if necessary when he arrives?



