

1. Opening Prayer

2. Read Ch. 8

3. Intro: Characteristics of Generosity in 2 Cor. 8

- a. Sharing with the saints (v. 4)
- b. Voluntary devotion to God and people (v. 5)
- c. Ransom (v. 9): Exodus 30:11-16
- d. Richness of Christ followers (v. 9): Ephesus 1:18-23
- e. Participation in the acts of Christ (v. 9): Philippians 2:5-11
- f. Manna (v. 15): Exodus 16:16-18.

What is the common ground in Manna and Generosity?

- g. Unity of churches (v. 24)

4. Questions

- a. What was the “grace of God” to the churches in Macedonia, when they were afflicted? (v. 1-2)
- b. In this chapter, how do you think Paul understood the church of Corinth?
- c. Verse 7 has different translations: “in the love we have kindled in you,” “in your love for us,” “in your love for you,” or “in our love for us.” How differently shall we understand Paul’s suggestion to the church for generosity?
- d. In the matter of generosity, do you think it is important to *match your eagerness with completing according to your means* (v. 11)? Why or why not?
- e. What is the thought of God about generosity in between the rich and the poor?
- f. When Titus went back to the church, Paul sent a ‘brother’ with him. Why?

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