



Lesson Two Outline - One Family

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 & 9:1-5

Churches Working Together as One Family

VIDEO INTRODUCTION –

A. Recap & Review:

- 1). The People – The Places & The Problems –

B. Carlos & Shelby: The Need for a “Family:”

- 1). All they counted on from the past was gone/unavailable –
- 2). Provides the opportunity for the church family to shine –
- 3). Reviewing Carlos’s Questions – How Does This Baptist System Work?

C. Paul’s Three Concerns:

- 1). The struggle of the impoverished Jewish congregation in Jerusalem –
- 2). The deep need of the Corinthian believers to learn the lesson of generosity –
- 3). The need to draw Jews and Gentiles closer –

I. ONE FAMILY: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15 & 9:1-5

A. Introduction:

- 1). A matter of belonging –
- 2). Quick review from Lesson One:
 - a). About the Corinthian church –
 - b). About the Jerusalem church –
 - c). About the Macedonian churches –
- 3). The power of One Family –

B. One Family Understanding:

- 1). A generous example – vv.8:1-5
- 2). The charge to finish – vv.8:6-8
- 3). The Gospel model – v.8:9
- 4). The core of their struggles = their abundance and their heart – vv. 8:10-15

C. How the Baptist System is Funded:

- 1). Cooperative Program Investment = \$188,000,000+ annually.
- 2). World Missions Investment = 73.2%
 - a). International Missions = 50.41%
 - b). North American Missions = 22.79%
- 3). Theological Education = 22.16%
- 4). SBC Operations = 2.99%
- 5). Christian Ethics & Religious Liberty Ministries = 1.65%

D. South Carolina’s Investment in Cooperative Program Ministries:

- 1). Total projected giving of SC Baptist churches including Cooperative Program, investments, special offerings, designated gifts, and fees is \$47,300,000.

- 2). How South Carolina CP funds are allocated:
 - a). Serving Communities = 10%
 - b). Sharing Hope (Evangelism Efforts) = 21%
 - c). Strengthening Churches = 11%
 - d). Sending Missionaries = 40%
 - e). Starting Churches = 18%
- 3). South Carolina Baptist Entities:
 - a). Baptist Courier
 - b). Baptist Foundation of South Carolina
 - c). Baptist Universities:
 - Anderson University
 - Charleston Southern University
 - North Greenville University
 - d). Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries
 - e). South Carolina Baptist Ministry of Aging
- 4). South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union

E. One Family in Action: 2 Corinthians 8:10-15 & 9:1-5

- 1). Practical advice – vv. 8:10-15
- 2). Practical advice becomes personal – vv.9:1-4
- 3). Gifts vs. extortion – vv9:5

II. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS –

- 1). How is giving an act of grace? (v.6)
- 2). Do you struggle with the idea of comparing churches? Why? Why Not?
- 3). What is the “abundance” of your church?
- 4). How can churches in your area work together to overcome challenges and serve as “One Family?”
- 5). What are the “challenges” South Carolina churches face?
- 6). In what ways do you see evidence of biblical generosity in your church?
- 7). What is your church's responsibility regarding generosity?
- 8). How does trusting God's work by giving to unseen mission efforts challenge or encourage your faith?
- 9). How is the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention funded? (How does the funding mechanism work?)
- 10). What has your attention from lessons one and two?

III. DID YOU KNOW?

- 1). There are 46,000+ Southern Baptist Churches.
- 2). In 2023, the cost of keeping one foreign missionary on the field was \$68,000.
- 3). There are 3,600+ International Mission Board appointed foreign missionaries and their families serving in 185 countries.
- 4). It currently takes 4,013 church members in 13.1 churches to field one missionary.
- 5). As of August 1, 2024, there are 24,000+ students enrolled in our six SBC seminaries.
- 6). 19% of all ministry students are attending SBC seminaries.

IV. DID YOU KNOW IN SOUTH CAROLINA?

- 1). There are 2,000+ SCBaptist churches.
- 2). There are 10,600+ students enrolled in the three SCBaptist Universities.
- 3). The three missions offerings in South Carolina are:
 - a). Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.
 - b). Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions & Send Relief.
 - c). Janie Chapman Offering for State (South Carolina) Missions.
- 4). There are 241 missionaries serving across the globe from South Carolina.
- 5). There are 147 children under the foster care or adoption services of Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries.
- 6). There are 350 "senior saints" under the ministries of the SCBaptist Ministry of Aging.
- 7). There is over \$195 million under management at the SCBaptist foundation.