

# The Treasury of Tears

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**Introduction:** Paul fought battles that caused him to weep. He did not weep for himself but for the condition and cares of the church. Tears may reveal how rich you are. Tears may reveal how much you hurt, care, love, and compassion you have. Tears may reveal to you what is really important in your life. Someday the Lord will wipe away all tears from our eyes. There will be no more death, sorrow, and pain because these things brought us tears. Our tears have taught us valuable lesson in life. Thank God for the **Treasury of Tears**.

**TEXT: 2Co 2:4**, "For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with **many tears**; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. " II Cor 11:28-29

## 1. Paul wept because of the Division in the church

### a. Wolves looking for sheep

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous **wolves enter in among you**, not sparing the flock. Act 20:30 Also of **your own selves shall men arise**, speaking perverse things, **to draw away disciples** after them.

### b. Human leaders that are filled with envy and jealousy

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, ... that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be **no divisions among you**" 1Co 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions among you**.

1Co 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 1Co 1:13 **Is Christ divided?**

### c. Preaching of the cross has become foolish. 1Co 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish **foolishness**; ...." They had now become as the lost (natural man) 1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are **foolishness unto him**: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1Co 3:3 For **ye are yet carnal**: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and **walk as men?**

## 2. Paul wept because of Disorder in the Church

- a. Carnality in the Church I Cor. 3:1-4, 5:1-5,
- b. Lack separation I Cor. 5:6-13, II Cor. 6:14-18

## 3. Paul wept because of Difficulties in the Church

- a. Marriage relationships I Cor. 7:1-9
- b. Muzzling the ox I Cor. 9:6-11, II Cor. 11:7-9

## 4. Paul wept because of wrong Doctrines in the Church

- a. II Cor. 11 :3-4 Paul was always concerned about false teachers
- b. When you are carnal, you are easily led

## 5. Paul wept because of a lack of Discernment at the Lord's table

- a. Not discerning spiritual things (His life)
- b. Not judging carnal things (Their life)
- c. I Cor. 11:26-32

**Act 20:31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.