

THE CHRISTIAN'S BOAST

2 Corinthians 1:12-14 // September 13, 2026 AM

The boast of authentic Christianity is God and His gospel grace.

I. *Listen* to the court of *conscience* (v. 12).

II. *Look* to the court of *Christ* (vv. 13-14).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Paul speaks of boasting three times in our text. What does it mean to boast? How does boasting reveal what we value, trust in, and worship?
2. What is the conscience, and why is Paul boasting in its testimony?
3. How can we have a clear conscience before God and others? And how does this help us to understand that Paul's boasting is ultimately in God and the gospel?
4. Why is Paul hopeful for the Corinthians?
5. Why does he point them to the future day of judgment? What kind of boasting will take place on that day and how does that change the way Christians should view and speak about each other now?
6. If we are to boast only in the Lord, how can the testimonies of our consciences and the lives of other believers rightly be the object of our boast without us falling into idolatry?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is the testimony of my conscience? Can I say with Paul that I live "with simplicity and godly sincerity" by God's grace?
2. Why does a clear conscience give strength and stability in the midst of adversity? How have I personally experienced this?
3. What is the object of my boast? And how does it relate to my perception of fellow believers?