GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND (The Meaning of Offering II)

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Key Verse: 9:8

> "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

- 1. How had the Corinthians first responded to Paul's suggestion to make an offering, and what effect did this have on the Macedonians (1-2)? What was the purpose of sending brothers to Corinth (3-5)? Why was it important to prepare the offering in advance?
- 2. What principle did Paul remind them of (6)? How did Paul encourage them to exercise their personal faith in giving (7)? What attitude in giving pleases God?
- 3. Read verse 8. What is God's blessing? How did Paul emphasize the sufficiency of God's blessings (Eph 3:20)?
- 4. What promises did Paul share with them (9-10)? What does it mean to "be made rich in every way" (1Ti 6:17-19)? Why does a generous giver not need to worry about their future (Mal 3:10; Mt 6:33)? What is the purpose of God's blessing (11)?
- 5. What impact did Paul say their generous offering would have on the larger Christian community (12-14)? How would this glorify God? What is Paul's thanksgiving topic (15)?