

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 15 (April 12 - 16)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul's third missionary trip).

56 AD Paul writes II Corinthians from Philippi, which is in Macedonia.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	II Corinthians 2 (:14-16)	Aroma / Scent / Fragrance = In the ancient world, scent – while being both pleasing or not pleasing – could have a life-giving force. Aristotle noted that some people who collected knowledge (the Pythagoreans) believed that some creatures literally live on scent. The same is true in the book of Job 14:7-9 where a tree is revived by simply the scent of water.
Tues.	II Corinthians 3 (:18)	Reflect = As reflected in a mirror – clearly seen, and not hidden in any way. Here it is to see one's self clearly.
Wed.	II Corinthians 4 (:6)	Knowledge = We have looked at a form of this word in Week 6, where we noted it " to know " means "to see and understand / comprehend / grasp the full reality." The word also means to have enough understanding of something, so as to be able to recognize it; as well as having first-hand experience with the subject.
Thurs.	II Corinthians 5 (:18)	Reconciliation = "to alter with another." Its original meaning to "change" / "to exchange." In classical Greek it meant to restore the original good understanding between people after an experience of displeasure or conflict.
Fri.	II Corinthians 6 (:15)	Belial = A Hebrew word meaning "worthless" and used in Jewish writings to describe Satan.

