

## Letter To The Church 2Corinthians 13:1-10

### History

Unsound teaching and practice brought a separation from Wilson St in mid 80's  
1987 building built - (church already existed)

Only 5 of that original group still here; Only those 5 still here from the early 90's  
Preached here in 95-96, 2012-now; Only 14 here from 2012

Counting self - 3 preachers from time here  
Such is the history lesson. Now the letter

### Jesus Wrote To 7 Churches

Purpose was to prepare them for coming persecution - **Revelation 1:8-11**

In addition to His glory, John describes Him in the midst of the churches - **Revelation 1:12-20**

Each letter gives additional - **Revelation 2-3**

Jesus is all of these things to us

Should never forget who watches and will judge - **John 12:48; Romans 14:10; 2Corinthians 5:10**  
Consider letters in light of own congregation; Where do we succeed? Where might we fail?

### Jesus Knows Our Strength

You are steadfast and have not faltered - **1Corinthians 15:58**

Remain committed to serving; Continue even when times are not easy

You will not compromise the Truth - **Matthew 7:15**

Do not allow false teachers to continue - **2Peter 2:1; 1John 4:1**

Study to prove own beliefs are founded in Scripture - **2Timothy 2:15**

Study to increase faith and teach others

Shine in the midst of darkness - **Philippians 2:15**

Families from Benton, Bryant, Jesseville, Arkadelphia saw our light from afar

Christians move to area can see difference between us and others

Work together for common cause; Our love for one another and God is evident

Communicate to help with needs - **Philippians 4:14-16**

### Jesus Knows Our Weakness

There are some attitudes that we must constantly guard against

These are seen in some of the letters of Revelation

Comfortable - 1a: affording or enjoying contentment and security; b: affording or enjoying physical comfort; free from vexation or doubt; b: free from stress or tension

Things are ok so let's not rock the boat - **Acts 19:9-10;20**

No controversy, Sound teaching/discussion in classes

Satisfied - 3a: to make happy; b: to gratify to the full

We have a nice building, are known in the community - **Acts 19:10**

Most of our members attend regularly - **Hebrews 10:25**

Regularly have visitors

Complacent - 1: self-satisfied; 3: unconcerned

Keep doing as we have things will stay same and we will be ok

Push too hard things may change and that might not be good

### Feed The Fire

These things stifle growth - **Hebrews 5:12-14**

Growth will not come among this kind of attitude

What are we teaching with this attitude? Almost is good enough? Stopping before the end is rewarding? Israel in Canaan - **Judges 1:19-21**

We know this is not true! - **Matthew 12:30; John 9:4-5; 2:10-11**

Correct the problem

Study will show can never be fully satisfied with service to God

Follow our first Love - **Revelation 2:4; Acts 19:10;17-20**

Growth is necessary for the Christian and Church! - **1Peter 2:2**

Improvement will only come as individuals

Each must correct own faults. Each must stretch own limits

Must step out of our comfortable shell and grow.

### **Here We Are**

Maybe you have other thoughts regarding our condition. Speak Up!!

Hear what Christ said to the church in first century.

Give attention to what He can see today. ACT!!!

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