

The Triumph of God's Grace
Part Ten: God's Approval
2 Corinthians 10
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1. Paul had powerful weapons to combat false teaching (10:1-5)
 - His critics accused him of being brave in letters but cowardly in person (10:1)
 - He was more than able to stand up to these false teachers if necessary (10:2)
 - Though he was merely human, he had weapons energized by God's power (10:3-5)

2. Because of this arsenal, Paul was unafraid to confront the false teachers in person (10:6-12)
 - His priority in exercising authority was the believers in Corinth (10:6-9)
 - However, he was prepared to face his critics when he visited Corinth (10:10-11)
 - The false teachers rejected legitimate accountability (10:12)

3. To Paul, God's approval is what truly mattered (10:13-18)
 - For this reason, he:
 - ✓ Confidently served God in the way he assigned to him (10:13-14)
 - ✓ Didn't take credit for ways in which others served (10:15a)
 - ✓ Hoped to bring the gospel to unreached places (10:15b-16)
 - The only bragging he did was about the Lord (10:17-18)