

F. F. Bruce

1 and 2 Corinthians

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From F. F. Bruce, the well-known N. T. Scholar, we have an invaluable commentary on the Corinthian epistles, which tell us about the problems of an infant Church in a pagan, commercial city whose idea of freedom led to a kind of libertinism in life. Sexual morality is an important theme of the first letter as also the dissipating party spirit rampant there. In the second letter Paul is concerned about the visitors from Jerusalem whose identity is still in dispute, who even questioned the apostolic authority of Paul. Paul offers a strong apology for himself (2 Cor. 11:22: 12:1).

Bruce begins his commentary with a brief, pointed introduction, which gives the historical background and the occasion and need for the letters. Bruce has his own opinions and arguments. Reading through the commentary can be profitable pastime.

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