

# Yes!

## Part 1, 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

1. What was the most devastating “no” you ever received? What was the most joyous “yes” you ever received?
2. The background to this passage is that a faction of the Corinthian church is saying no to Paul as their leader. In the latest incident they were using the situation in which Paul had changed his plans and not visited the Corinthians as he said he would, as evidence that Paul could not be trusted. Now read Paul's response in 2 Corinthians 1:18-22.
3. In verse 18 what is Paul saying is the foundation of his behaviour as a believer and a leader?
4. In verse 19, what kind of working relationship is Paul describing between himself, Paul and Silas? Why is Paul bringing up their missionary relationship at this time?
5. In verse 20, who says yes, and who do they say it to? Who says Amen and who do they say it to?
6. Give examples of what Jesus is saying yes to? Give examples of what we should be saying Amen to?
7. What does it mean to live in God's “Yes”?
8. What kind of “no's” were filling the minds of the Corinthian Christians? Where do such no's come from?
9. How do “no's” negatively impact the life of a believer?
10. *This is a battle that has happened and will happen in thousands of churches across the world. Churches that live in God's yes, that have a yes culture, that love well and live well and live in unity are places of great spiritual life and acceptance. Churches that have people who have withheld their full yes to Christ, who are prideful and seek to control, who say no to the body Christ, create such discord that all good spiritual life is jeopardised.*  
What is this battle that was going on in the Corinthian church and in churches today? Where does this kind of conflict come from?
11. Discuss this:  
*The Corinthian letters are a cautionary tale and if we want to remain a yes church with a yes culture then there is one really simple thing that Paul says we have to do, stay intimately connected with Jesus by giving Jesus our complete and total yes.*