

2 Corinthians

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh”
to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

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<p>1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:</p> <p>2 Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;</p> <p>4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.</p> <p>5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.</p> <p>6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your</p>	<p>1:1 From Paul¹, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and from Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, and all the believers in the Lord² throughout southern Greece³.</p> <p>2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort,</p> <p>4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, so that we are able to comfort those who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God.</p> <p>5 For as we suffer like Christ Jesus did, so our consolation also comes from Christ.</p> <p>6 And if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation</p>

consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was

and salvation, which enables you to endure the same sufferings which we also suffer. And if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope in you is steadfast, knowing that as you share in the sufferings, so shall you also share in the consolation.

8 For, fellow believers, we would not have you ignorant of the trouble which came to us in the Roman Province of Asia. Our trials were so great, and past our strength to bear them, that we despaired even of life.

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves so that we should not trust ourselves, but in God which raises the dead.

10 God delivered us from a great death, and now delivers us, and we trust that God will continue to deliver us.

11 You also are helping with your prayers for us, and thanks may be given by many on our behalf for the gifts bestowed upon us by many persons.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have maintained our relationship honestly with the world and most completely with you.

13 For we do not write anything to you that you cannot read and understand, and I trust you shall understand even to the end.

14 You have acknowledged to some degree that you rejoice in us, just as we rejoice in you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, so that you might be benefited a second time.

16 I intended to visit you on my way into Northern Greece⁴, and to visit you again coming back out of Northern Greece, and then for you to help me get to Judea.

17 Did I lightly intend this? The things that I plan, do I propose according to the flesh, so that with me there is "Yes, yes," and "No, no" at the same time?

18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not "Yes" and "No" at the same time.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, by Silas⁵ and Timothy⁶ and me, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him was "Yes."

<p>yea. 20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. ` 23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth. 24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.</p>	<p>20 For all the promises of God in Jesus Christ are “Yes,” and in him we say, “Amen” to the glory of God. 21 Now God has established us with you in Christ, and has anointed us. 22 God has also sealed us in Christ, and given the earnest, the first blessings with promises of more, of the Spirit in our hearts. 23 Moreover, I call God as my witness, that to spare you I did not come to Corinth. 24 We do not wish to rule over your faith, but to be helpers of your joy, for by faith you stand.</p>
<p>2:1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. 2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? 3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. 5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,</p>	<p>2:1 But I determined this, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. 2 For if I make you sorry, how can you make me glad? 3 And I wrote this to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from those about whom I ought to rejoice. I have confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart, I wrote to you with many tears, not to grieve you, but so that you might know more abundantly the love which I have for you. 5 But if someone has caused grief, he has grieved me only partly, but has grieved you all more. 6 Sufficient to this man was the punishment he received, which was inflicted by many. 7 So you ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps he should be swallowed up by too much sorrow. 8 Therefore I urge you to confirm your love toward him. 9 Also, for this purpose I wrote: that I might know the facts regarding you, whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Whomever you forgive anything, I also forgive, for if I forgive anything, for your sakes I forgive it in the person of Christ, 11 lest Satan should get an advantage over us, for we are not ignorant of his devices. 12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel⁷, good news, and a door was opened to me to do so by the Lord, h 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find</p>

<p>13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.</p> <p>14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.</p> <p>15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:</p> <p>16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?</p> <p>17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.</p>	<p>Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went from there into Macedonia.</p> <p>14 Now thanks be to God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and through us spreads the sweet fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.</p> <p>15 For we are a sweet fragrance of Christ to those who are saved, and to those who perish.</p> <p>16 To the one we are the sweet scent of life to life, and to the other the smell of death to death. And who is capable of these things?</p> <p>17 For we are not like those who corrupt the word of God; we are sincere, as of God; in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.</p>
<p>3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?</p> <p>2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:</p> <p>3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.</p> <p>4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:</p> <p>5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;</p> <p>6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.</p> <p>7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:</p> <p>8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?</p> <p>9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.</p> <p>10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.</p> <p>11 For if that which was done away was glorious,</p>	<p>3:1 Do we begin again to praise ourselves? Or do we need, as some others do, letters of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?</p> <p>2 You are our letter written in our hearts, known and read by all persons.</p> <p>3 For you are clearly declared to be the letter of Christ written by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, written not on tablets of stone, but in the fleshy tables of the heart.</p> <p>4 And we have great trust through Christ in God.</p> <p>5 We are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God</p> <p>6 who also has made us able ministers of the New Covenant, not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.</p> <p>7 If the law of Moses, which brought death, and was written and engraved in stones, was glorious so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance, which glory was to fade away,</p> <p>8 will not the ministry of the spirit be much more glorious?</p> <p>9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, much more does the ministry that brings righteousness exceed in glory.</p> <p>10 That which seemed to be glorious, but actually had no glory, is no more and has been replaced by a glory that excels.</p> <p>11 If that which was done away with was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious.</p>

<p>much more that which remaineth is glorious. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.</p>	<p>12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech. 13 We do not do as Moses did, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not see the glory there fade away. 14 For their minds were blinded; for until this day the same veil remains in their reading of the Old Testament, but the veil is done away in Christ. 15 Even to this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless, when they turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now God⁸ is Spirit: and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.⁹ 18 And we all, with unveiled faces which show the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, by the spirit of God. ` `</p>
<p>4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; `</p> <p>2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. `</p> <p>6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed;</p>	<p>4:1 Therefore, seeing we have been given this ministry, since we have received mercy, we do not weaken. 2 But we have renounced secrets and dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor using the word of God deceitfully. But by being openly truthful, we have proven ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 If our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost, 4 whose minds are blinded by the god of this world and do not believe, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, would shine upon them. 5 For we do not preach about ourselves, but rather about Christ Jesus the Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, has shined in our hearts and has shown us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed;</p>

<p>we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.</p>	<p>we are perplexed, but not in despair. 9 We are persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed, 10 always bearing about in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus might also be made manifest in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus might also be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death works in us, but life in you. 13 We, having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, "I believed, and therefore I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore speak. 14 We know that God which raised up the Lord Jesus will raise up us also by Jesus, and will receive us into His presence, together with you. 15 For all is for your benefit, so that the abundant grace of God might, through the thanksgiving of many, increase to the glory of God. 16 For this cause we do not faint, for though our outward self perishes, yet the inward self is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal abundance of glory. 18 We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.</p>
<p>5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.</p>	<p>5:1 For we know that if our earthly house were dissolved, we have a building made by God, a house not made with hands, a spiritual body eternal in the heavens. 2 We long, earnestly desiring to be safely clothed and protected in our house which is from heaven 3 so that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 We who are in this earthly dwelling, our body, long to cast it off, not that we would be unclothed, but clothed by God, so that mortality might be swallowed up by life. 5 Now God has prepared us for this thing, who also has given to us the earnest, the first blessings of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body, we are absent</p>

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of

from the Lord.

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident I say, and wishing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

9 Therefore we labor, so that whether present or absent, we may be accepted by him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that all may receive what is due them for what they have done in their body, whether it is good or bad.

11 Knowing what it means to be in awe of the Lord, we are well-known to God, and I trust that our sincerity is also known to you in your hearts.

12 For we do not praise ourselves again to you, but give you reasons to glory on our behalf so that you may be able to answer those who glory in appearances, and not on what is in their hearts.

13 If we seem to be beside ourselves in our heightened emotional state, it is for God, and if we speak soberly, it is for your sake.

14 The love of Christ Jesus powerfully governs us, because we judge that if he died for all, then all share in his death.

15 Christ Jesus died for all, so that those who live should not in the future live for themselves, but for him who died for them and rose again.

16 Therefore, from now on we do not know anyone according to the flesh. Though we have known Christ Jesus according to the flesh, that is not how we know him now.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and has given the ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation to us.

19 God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not charging their sins to them, and has given the word of reconciliation to us.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God urged you by us; we pray in Christ's stead, that you be reconciled to God.

21 For God has made him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us, so that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

God in him.	`
<p>6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. `</p> <p>2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)</p> <p>3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:</p> <p>4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,</p> <p>5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; `</p> <p>6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, `</p> <p>7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,</p> <p>8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;</p> <p>9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; `</p> <p>10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.</p> <p>11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.</p> <p>12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. `</p> <p>13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged. `</p> <p>14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?</p> <p>15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? `</p>	<p>6:1 We then, as workers together with Christ Jesus, implore you that you do not receive the grace of God in vain.</p> <p>2 For in the Scripture, God says, "I have heard you at an accepted time, and in the day of salvation I have helped you; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."</p> <p>3 We do not offend in anything so that our ministry cannot be blamed.</p> <p>4 But in all things we prove ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,</p> <p>5 through beatings and being set upon by angry mobs, imprisonments, during hard work, sleepless nights and lack of food.</p> <p>6 We prove ourselves by our purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost¹⁰ (Holy Spirit) by unfeigned love,</p> <p>7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.</p> <p>8 We receive honor and dishonor, evil reports and good reports, are called deceivers, and yet are true;</p> <p>9 unknown, and yet well known; reported as dead, and, behold, we live; receiving punishment, yet not killed;</p> <p>10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich in the spirit; having nothing, and yet possessing all things.</p> <p>11 O you Corinthians, we speak openly to you, our hearts are open wide to you.</p> <p>12 It is not we who have limited our affection toward you; it is you who have limited your affection toward us.</p> <p>13 I speak to you now as if you were my children. Show us the same feelings we have for you. Open your hearts wide.</p> <p>14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has the light with darkness?</p> <p>15 And what harmony has Christ with the devil? Or what has the person who believes in common with an infidel?</p>

<p>16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.</p> <p>17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,</p> <p>18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty</p>	<p>16 And what agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For you are the temple of the living God, as God has said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."¹¹</p> <p>17 "Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate, and do not touch the ritually impure things, and I will receive you,¹²</p> <p>18 "and will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,"¹³ says God Almighty.</p>
<p>7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.</p> <p>2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.</p> <p>3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.</p> <p>4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.</p> <p>5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.</p> <p>6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;</p> <p>7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.</p> <p>8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.</p> <p>9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.</p> <p>10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.</p> <p>11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what</p>	<p>7:1 Therefore having these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the awe of God.</p> <p>2 Receive us; we have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have defrauded no one.</p> <p>3 I do not speak this to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts in life or even death.</p> <p>4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying in you; I am filled with comfort, I am exceedingly joyful in spite of all our tribulation.</p> <p>5 For when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest; we were troubled on every side; fighting surrounded us; fears were within us.</p> <p>6 Nevertheless God, that comforts those who are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus.</p> <p>7 And not by his coming only, but also by the comfort which he received from you; he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your great desire to see me, so that I rejoiced even more.</p> <p>8 For though I scolded and upset you in a letter, I do not repent now for doing so, though I did temporarily repent, for I perceive that this same letter has made you sorry for a time.</p> <p>9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow moved you to repent, for God used your sorrow for a godly purpose; so you were not damaged at all by me.</p> <p>10 For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation, which is not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world leads toward death.</p> <p>11 For behold that when you sorrowed for a godly purpose, what devotion it worked in you; yes, what cleansing of yourselves; yes, what indignation; yes,</p>

<p>indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.</p> <p>12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.</p> <p>13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.</p> <p>14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.</p> <p>15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.</p> <p>16 I rejoyce therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.</p>	<p>what fear; yes, what vehement desire; yes, what zeal; yes, what determination to cast out evil! In all things you have proved yourselves to be correct in this matter.</p> <p>12 Therefore, though I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of the person who had done the wrong, nor for those who suffered wrong, but so that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.</p> <p>13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort; yes, and exceedingly more joyful for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.</p> <p>14 If I have boasted anything to him about you, I am not ashamed; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, even our boasting, which I made to Titus, is proven truthful.</p> <p>15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, while he remembers the obedience of all of you, how with fear and trembling you received him.</p> <p>16 Therefore I rejoyce that I have confidence in you in all things.</p>
<p>8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;</p> <p>2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.</p> <p>3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;</p> <p>4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.</p> <p>5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.</p> <p>6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.</p> <p>7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.</p> <p>8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.</p>	<p>8:1 Moreover, fellow believers, we want to let you know of the grace of God which has been bestowed on the churches of Macedonia.</p> <p>2 Although they suffered great affliction, the abundance of their joy made them very generous despite their deep poverty.</p> <p>3 For to their power, I bear record; yes, and beyond their power they were willing to give.</p> <p>4 They fervently prayed that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of ministering to the believers at Jerusalem.</p> <p>5 And this they did, first giving their selves to the Lord, and then to us, by the will of God.</p> <p>6 So we desired that Titus would finish the work he had begun and help you to carry out your work of grace, of giving to the needy believers in Jerusalem.</p> <p>7 Therefore, as you abound in everything, in faith, and speech, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love toward us, see that you abound in grace also.</p> <p>8 I do not command you, but I tell you of the generosity of others, to prove the sincerity of your love.</p> <p>9 For you know how great was the grace of our Lord</p>

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;

19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

23 Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting

Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty, you might become rich.

10 My advice is that it would be good for you to finish the work which you began with enthusiasm a year ago.

11 Therefore do it now, with as much willingness as before, giving out of what you now have.

12 For if there is a willing mind, God accepts a person's gifts according to what one has, and not according to what one does not have.

13 For I do not intend that other persons should be eased, and you burdened.

14 But there should be equality, so that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for what they lack, and their abundance at another time may be a supply for what you lack, so that there may be equality.

15 For it is written, "The person who had gathered much had nothing left over, and the one who had gathered little had no lack."

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

17 For indeed he accepted my urging, but of his own desire and his own accord he went to you.

18 And we have sent with him the brother who is praised in all the churches.

19 And not only that, but he was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord, and to show that we desire to help.

20 But we wish to avoid anyone blaming us, because of the abundance which is administered by us,

21 proving our honesty, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of all people.

22 And we have sent with them our brother Titus, who has been proven diligent in many ways, and now is even more diligent, because of the great confidence which he has in you.

23 If any inquire about Titus, he is my partner and fellow helper; if any inquire about the helpers with us, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and the truthfulness of our boasting on your behalf.

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<p>9:1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. 3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: 4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. 6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) 11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution</p>	<p>9:1 Regarding the ministering to the believers at Jerusalem, it is unnecessary for me to write to you. 2 For I know how ready you are to be helpful, for which I boast about you to those of Northern Greece, that Southern Greece was ready a year ago to generously help the poor believers at Jerusalem; and your zeal has encouraged many. 3 I have sent those helping me to you so that our boasting about you will not be wrong, so that you will be ready with your donations 4 lest if those of Northern Greece come with me, and find you unprepared, we should be ashamed of our confident boasting about you. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to urge my fellow missionaries to go to you, and collect beforehand the contributions you had promised to make, so that you might be seen as giving because you wanted to, not just because it was required. 6 Remember that the person who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and the person who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. 7 Let all give according as they have intended in their heart, not grudgingly, nor feeling pressured: for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you so that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may always have enough and more for every good work. 9 As the Scripture says, "They have been generous to all; they have given to the poor; their righteousness remains forever."¹⁴ 10 Now may God that ministers seed to the sower give you bread for your food, and multiply your sown seeds, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.¹⁵ 11 For you will be enriched in everything to all satisfaction, which causes through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For providing this service not only supplies the wants of the believers, but provides many thanksgivings to God. 13 For those blessed will glorify God for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal financial help to them, and to all</p>

<p>unto them, and unto all men; 14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.</p>	<p>persons. 14 They will pray gratefully for you, loving you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks to God for His wonderful gift!</p>
<p>10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you: 2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: 9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. 10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. 11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present. 12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 13 But we will not boast of things without our</p>	<p>10:1 Now I Paul beg you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I, who when I am with you am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you. 2 I urge you, not to make me be harsh with you, although I am ready to be harsh with those who speak of us as acting according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh; we do not fight worldly battles. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to pull down strongholds, 5 to cast down false imaginations and false logic that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and to bring into captivity every thought to obedience to Christ. 6 And we are ready to punish all disobedience after you are fully obedient. 7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If any people trust to themselves that they are Christ's, let them think this, that, as they are Christ's, even so we are Christ's. 8 I am not ashamed of how much I have boasted about our authority in the Lord, for the Lord has given it to us to build you up, and not for your destruction. 9 I do not wish you to think that I am trying to frighten you by my letters. 10 For some say that my letters are weighty and powerful, but my bodily presence is weak, and my speech is contemptible. 11 Let those who think this, realize that, as we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be when we are present. 12 We do not dare to compare ourselves with some who boast of their accomplishments, but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 13 But we will not boast of things beyond our limits, but only according to the limits of the work which God has given us to do, which includes reaching</p>

<p>measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.</p> <p>14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:</p> <p>15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,</p> <p>16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.</p> <p>17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.</p> <p>18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.</p>	<p>even to you.</p> <p>14 And because you are within these limits, we did not stretch ourselves beyond our limit when we came as far as to you and preached the good news of the gospel of Christ.</p> <p>15 We will not boast of things outside our limits, that is, of other person's labors; but we hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be able to accomplish even greater good among you.</p> <p>16 We plan to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to try to take credit for what other persons have already accomplished.</p> <p>17 "Let the person who glories, glory in God," says the Scripture.¹⁶</p> <p>18 For not those who praise themselves are approved, but whom the Lord praises.</p>
<p>11:1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.</p> <p>2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.</p> <p>3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</p> <p>4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.</p> <p>5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.</p> <p>6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.</p> <p>7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?</p> <p>8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.</p> <p>9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept</p>	<p>11:1 Bear with me now, for what I am about to say:</p> <p>2 I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband so that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.</p> <p>3 But I fear, lest, as the serpent tricked Eve through its subtlety, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</p> <p>4 For if a person who comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not heard, you might welcome that person.</p> <p>5 I do not think that I am inferior to those special apostles you honor.</p> <p>6 Though I may be rough or awkward in speech, I am not in knowledge; and this has been made thoroughly clear to you in all things.</p> <p>7 Have I committed an offense in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God without charge?</p> <p>8 I robbed other churches, taking wages from them, to support me while I served you.</p> <p>9 And when I was present with you, and needed money, I became indebted to none of you; for that which was lacking to me the fellow believers who came from Northern Greece supplied. In all things I have kept myself from being burdensome to you, and I will continue to do so.</p>

myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.

17 That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.

20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Southern Greece.

11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows that I do.

12 But what I do, that I will do so that I may cut off any opportunity from those who desire to say that they work even as we do.

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, pretending to be apostles of Christ.

14 And that is no marvel, for Satan himself can pretend to be an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no surprise that his ministers also present themselves as the ministers of righteousness, but their end shall be according to their works.

16 Let persons listen to me as if a fool so that I may boast a little.

17 What I say, I do not say on behalf of the Lord, but as it were foolishly, confident in my boasting.

18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

19 For you listen to fools gladly, seeing that you think yourselves to be very wise.

20 For you allow it when one of them brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one is exalted over you, if one strikes you on the face.

21 I speak concerning reproach, for I never did those things. However if any is bold, I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the descendants of Abraham humanly? So am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? I am more one; in labors more abundant, in persecution above measure, in prisons more frequent, near to death often.

24 Five times I received thirty-nine lashes from the Jews.

25 I was beaten with rods three times, I was stoned once, I suffered shipwreck three times, I have been in the sea a night and a day.

26 Often in my journeys, I was in peril of drowning, in peril of robbers, in peril by my own countrymen, in peril by the heathen, in peril in the city, in peril in the wilderness, in peril in the sea, in peril among false brethren.

27 I experienced weariness and pain, often had

<p>among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: 33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.</p>	<p>sleepless nights, was hungry and thirsty, often fasting, experienced cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are physical, there was that which comes upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak with them? Who is offended, and I do not feel for them? 30 If I need to glory, I will glory regarding the things which concern my infirmities. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is always blessed, knows that I do not lie. 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king watched over the city of the Damascus with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me. 33 However, I was let down through a window in a basket to the ground outside the wall of the city, and escaped his hands.</p>
<p>12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. 6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my</p>	<p>12:1 It doubtless is not right for me to glory, but I now come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ more than fourteen years ago. Whether he was in the body, I cannot tell; or whether he was out of the body, I cannot tell; but God knows. He was caught up to the third heaven. 3 I knew the man, (whether he was in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; but God knows.) 4 He was caught up into paradise, and heard words which cannot be spoken, which are not permitted for one to utter. 5 I will glory of such a one; but I will not glory of myself, except in my infirmities. 6 For though I might desire to glory, I shall not be a fool, for I will tell the truth. But now I resist doing so lest anyone should think of me more highly than this person sees me to be, or hears about me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations to me from God, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, to humble me, lest I should be overly proud. 8 I prayed to the Lord three times, that this trial might depart from me. 9 And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you; for my strength is made perfect in weakness."¹⁷ Therefore, I will glory in my infirmities most gladly</p>

infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

13 In what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God for Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in hardships, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake, for when I am personally weak, then I am strong in Christ.

11 I have become a fool in glorying; you have compelled me to do so: for I ought to have been respected by you; for I am in no way less than the very chief apostles, though I am nothing.

12 Truly I proved myself an apostle among you in all patience, in miracles, wonders, and works of spiritual power.

13 In what way were you treated differently from other churches, except that I was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

14 Behold, I am ready to come to you a third time, and I will not be burdensome to you, for I do not seek your money, but you. For children ought not to have to provide for their parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you, though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

16 You agree that I did not burden you; but you think that, being crafty, I tricked you in some way.

17 Did I gain from you by any of those whom I sent to you?

18 I asked Titus to go to you, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus take advantage of you? Do we not walk in the same spirit? Do we not walk in the same steps?

19 Do you think that we are making excuses for ourselves to you? We speak before God for Christ; but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying, to build you up.

20 I fear, that when I come, I shall not find you as I would like, and that I shall not be found by you as you would like; and that there will be debates, envy, anger, arguments, backbiting, whispering, swellings of pride, disorder.

21 I am afraid that when I come again, God will humble me among you, and that I shall mourn those who have already sinned, and have not repented of the impurity and sexual immorality and lasciviousness which they have committed.

13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. For the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak for him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be for the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is for you, except ye be reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but in the truth.

9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

12 Greet one another with an holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word shall be established.

2 On my second visit, I warned all of you who had sinned and not repented, and now that I am absent I tell you that, if I come again, I will not spare any of you who are continuing to sin.

3 You shall have the proof that Christ speaks through me. Christ toward you is not weak, but is mighty among you.

4 Though Jesus was weak when he was crucified, yet he lives by the power of God. And we also are weak for him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether you are for the faith; prove yourselves. Do you not know that Jesus Christ is for you, unless you are failing to follow him?

6 But I trust that you shall know that we are not failures.

7 Now I pray to God that you do not commit any evil, not so that we should appear approved, but so that you should do what is honest, though we seem to you to be failures.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only in accord with the truth.

9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and you are strong, and we wish your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should be sharp with you, according to the power which the Lord has given me to edify you, to build you up, and not to destroy you.

11 Finally, fellow believers, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one Mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the believers in the Lord greet you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) be with you all. Amen.

¹ (1) Mainstream Bible scholars consider 2 Corinthians to be one of the seven authentic books of the Bible by Paul along with Romans, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians and Philemon.

² The 1769 KJV refers to believers in the Lord as saints.

³ The 1769 KJV refers to southern Greece as Achaia.

⁴ In the 1769 Northern Greece is referred to as Macedonia, which is a geographical and administrative

region in Northern Greece.

⁵ In the 1769 KJV Silas is called Silvanus.

⁶ In the 1769 KJV Timothy is called Timotheus.

⁷ Gospel in Greek means good news.

⁸ (3:17) The 1769 KJV states that “the Lord is Spirit,” but in my humble opinion, in CS, God is Spirit; and the Christ is not Spirit, but rather is spiritual, the reflection of God, Spirit.

⁹ (3:17) The “Lord” in this verse is Christ or Christ Jesus. The last part of this verse may also be rendered as, “and where God, Spirit, is, there is liberty.”

¹⁰ Although Holy Spirit is much clearer than Holy Ghost and is in virtually all modern translations, the term Holy Ghost is in the 2019 KJV because Mary Baker Eddy during her lifetime preferred that term over Holy Spirit.

¹¹ (6:16) Leviticus 26:12; Ezekiel 37:27

¹² (6:17) Isaiah 52:11

¹³ (6:18) 2 Samuel 7:14

¹⁴ (9:9) Psalms 112:9

¹⁵ (9:10) Isaiah 55:10

¹⁶ (10:17) Jeremiah 9:24

¹⁷ (12:8-9) In these verses, Paul seems to be interacting with the Lord as if the Lord is a God.