

The Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through *the* will of God, and Timothy ¹*our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Achaia: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed *be* ²the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; **4** who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we *ourselves* are comforted of God. **5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ. **6** But whether we are afflicted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation; or whether we are comforted, *it is* for your comfort, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: **7** and our hope for you *is* stedfast; knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also *are ye* of the comfort. **8** For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befell *us* in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life: **9** ³yes, we *ourselves* have had the ⁴sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: **10** who delivered us out of so great a death, ⁵and will deliver: on whom we have ⁶set our hope that he will also still deliver *us*; **11** *ye* also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, *for* the gift *bestowed* upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on ⁷our behalf.

12 For our glorying is this, the witness of our conscience, that in ⁸holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in *the* grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. **13** For we write no other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye will

¹ *Gk.* the brother,

² *See note on Ro 15:6.*

³ *Or,* but we ourselves

⁴ *Gk.* answer

⁵ *So* p⁴⁶ N^{BC} 33 81 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. 1739 0243 1881 and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss. read* and doth deliver: A D* *omit these words.*

⁶ *So* N^{CA} 33 81 and the majority of lesser *Gk. mss.,* cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶ B 1739 0243 1881 *read* set our hope; and still will he deliver us;

⁷ *So* N^{CA} 1739 33 81 0243 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶ B 0150 *read* your behalf.

⁸ *So* p⁴⁶ N^{*BCA} 1739 33 81 0243 cop^{sa,bo} arm. D and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss.,* vg *read* simplicity

acknowledge unto *the* end: **14** as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also *are* ours, in the day of ⁹our Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come first unto you, that ye might have a second ¹⁰benefit; **16** and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Judea. **17** When I therefore was thus minded, did I show fickleness? or *the* things that I purpose, do I purpose ¹¹according to *the* flesh, that with me there should be the yes yes and the no no? **18** But *as* God *is* faithful, our word toward you is not a *vague* yes and no. **19** For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you ¹²by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timothy, became not yes and no, but in him has become Yes! **20** For how many soever *be the* promises of God, in him *is* the Yes: wherefore also through him *is* the Amen, unto *the* glory of God through us. **21** Now he that establisheth us with you ¹³in Christ, and anointed us, *is* God; **22** ¹⁴who also sealed us, and gave *us* the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 But I call God *for* a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbare to come unto Corinth. **24** Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for in ¹⁵faith ye stand fast.

2 ¹⁶But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow. **2** For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad but he that is made sorry by me? **3** And I wrote this very thing, 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 made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. **6** Sufficient to such a one *is* this

⁹ *So* N^B 1739 33 81 0243 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶ CA and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss. read* the Lord Jesus.

¹⁰ *Or.* grace; *So* N^{*CA} 1739 33 0243 cop^{sa} arm vg. B 81 1175 cop^{bo} *read* joy.

¹¹ *Or,* according to *the* flesh? that with me it may be, *My yes means* yes, and *my no means* no.

¹² *Gk.* through (*both times*).

¹³ *Gk.* into

¹⁴ *Or,* seeing that he both sealed us and *etc.*

¹⁵ *Or,* your faith

¹⁶ *So* N^{CA} 81 and a majority of lesser *Gk. mss.,* arm vg. p⁴⁶ B 1739 33 0243 cop^{bo} *read* For

punishment which *was inflicted by* ¹⁷the majority; 7 so that contrariwise ¹⁸ye *should* rather forgive *him* and comfort *him*, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with *his* overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you to confirm *your* love toward him. 9 For to this *end* also did I write, that I might know the proof of ¹⁹you, ²⁰whether ye are obedient in all *things*. 10 But to whom ye forgive anything, I *forgive* also: for what I also have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, for your sakes *have I forgiven it* in *the* ²¹person of Christ; 11 that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant *of* his devices.

12 Now when I came to Troas for the ²²gospel of Christ, and when a door was opened unto me in *the* Lord, 13 I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

14 But thanks *be* unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. 15 For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that ²³are being saved, and in them that are perishing; 16 to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life. And who *is* sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as the ²⁴many, making merchandise of the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in *the* sight of God, speak we in Christ.

3 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as *do* some, epistles of commendation to you or from you? 2 Ye are our epistles, written in ²⁵our hearts, known and read of all men; 3 being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with an ink, but with a spirit of a living God; not in tables of stone, but in tables *that are* hearts of flesh. 4 And such confidence have we through Christ towards God: 5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* from God; 6 who also made us sufficient *as* ministers of a new covenant; not of *the* letter, but of *the* spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit maketh alive. 7 But if the ministration of death,

¹⁷ *Gk.* the more;

¹⁸ So p⁴⁶ ⋈ 1739 81 0243 and most, cop^{bo} arm vg. BA omit rather 1881 omits ye should

¹⁹ So ⋈ 1739 81 0243 and most. BA 33 read you, whereby ye p⁴⁶ almost alone reads you. Ye

²⁰ BA 33 almost alone read whereby p⁴⁶ almost alone omits whether (read: that)

²¹ *Gk.* face

²² *Gk.* good tidings see marginal note on Mt 4:23

²³ Or perhaps, are saved, and in them that perish;

²⁴ So ⋈ BCA 1739 33 81 0243 and most, cop vg. p⁴⁶D arm read rest

²⁵ So p⁴⁶ BCA 81 0243 cop arm vg. ⋈ 33 read your

²⁶written, and engraven on stones, came ²⁷with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look stedfastly upon the face of Moses for the glory of his face; *which glory* ²⁸was passing away: 8 how shall not rather the ministration of the spirit be with glory? 9 For if ²⁹to the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much rather doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. 10 For verily that which hath been made glorious hath not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasseth. 11 For if that which ³⁰passeth away *be* ³¹with glory, much more that which remaineth *is* in glory.

12 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, 13 and *are* not as Moses, *who* put a veil upon his face, that the sons of Israel should not look stedfastly on the end of that ³²*which was* passing away: 14 but their ³³minds were hardened: for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil ³⁴remaineth, *it* not being revealed *to them* that it is done away in Christ. 15 But unto this day, whensoever Moses is read, a veil lieth upon their heart. 16 But whensoever ³⁵it shall turn to *the* Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit: and where the Spirit of *the* Lord *is*, *there is* liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face ³⁶beholding as in a mirror the glory of *the* Lord, are transformed *into* the same image from glory to glory, even as from *the* Lord *the* Spirit.

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: 2 but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in *the* sight of God. 3 And even if our ³⁷gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that ³⁸perish: 4 in whom the god of this ³⁹world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, ⁴⁰that the ⁴¹light

²⁶ *Gk.* in letters,

²⁷ *Gk.* in

²⁸ Or, was being done away: Compare 1Co 13:8, 10.

²⁹ So p⁴⁶ ⋈ CA 1739 33 0243 1175 cop^{sa}. B 1881 and a majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., cop^{bo} vg omit to

³⁰ Or, is being done away See vs. 7 margin.

³¹ *Gk.* through glory,

³² Or, *which is* being done away: See note on vs. 7.

³³ *Gk.* thoughts Ch. 4:4; 11:3.

³⁴ Or, remaineth unlifted; which *veil* is done away in Christ.

³⁵ Or, *their heart* shall turn or, a man shall turn

³⁶ Or, reflecting as a mirror

³⁷ See marginal note on ch. 2:12. (Also for vs. 4.)

³⁸ Or, are perishing:

³⁹ *Gk.* age (αιων, eon).

⁴⁰ Or, that they should not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is *the* image of God.

⁴¹ *Gk.* illumination and in vs. 6.

of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is *the* image of God, should not dawn. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus *as* Lord, and ourselves as your ⁴²servants ⁴³for Jesus' sake. 6 Seeing *it is* God, that said, ⁴⁴Light shall shine out of darkness, who 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 exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; 8 *we are* pressed on every *side*, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; 9 pursued, yet not ⁴⁵forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; 10 always bearing about in the body the ⁴⁶dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you. 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, ⁴⁷I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and therefore also we speak; 14 knowing that he that raised up ⁴⁸the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and shall present *us* with you. 15 For all things *are* for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through ⁴⁹the majority, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

16 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward *man* is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an 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.

5 For we know that if the earthly house of our ⁵⁰tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. 2 For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: 3 if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For indeed we that are in *this* tabernacle do

⁴² *Gk.* bondservants Compare 1Co 9:19.

⁴³ So BA*^{vid} 81 and the majority of lesser *Gk.* mss. But p⁴⁶NC 1739 33 0243 cop^{sa,bo} vg read through Jesus. N^a arm read through Christ.

⁴⁴ Ge 1:3.

⁴⁵ *Or,* left behind;

⁴⁶ *Gk.* putting to death

⁴⁷ Ps 116:10.

⁴⁸ So NC 81 and the majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., cop^{bo}. p⁴⁶B (1739 33 0243) cop^{sa} arm vg omit the Lord

⁴⁹ *Gk.* the more,

⁵⁰ *Or,* bodily frame (and in vs. 4) Compare *Apocrypha* Wisdom 9:15.

groan, ⁵¹being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that wrought us for this very thing *is* God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord 7 (for we walk by faith, not by ⁵²sight); 8 we are of good courage, *I say*, and are willing rather to be away from the bodily home, and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Wherefore also we ⁵³make it our aim, whether at home or away, to be well-pleasing unto him. 10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things *done* ⁵⁴in the body, according to what he hath practiced, whether *it be* good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves unto you, but *speak* as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that ye may have *wherewith* to answer them that glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we ⁵⁵are beside ourselves, *it is* unto God; or whether we are of sober mind, *it is* unto you. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. 16 Wherefore we henceforth know no man after *the* flesh: even though we have known Christ after *the* flesh, yet now we know *him so* no more. 17 Wherefore if any man *is* in Christ, ⁵⁶*he is* a new creation: the old things are passed away; behold, they are ⁵⁷become new. 18 But all things *are* of God, who reconciled us unto himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling a world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having ⁵⁸committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech *you* on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. 21 Him

⁵¹ *Or,* being burdened, in that we would not be unclothed, but would be clothed upon,

⁵² *Gk.* appearance);

⁵³ *Gk.* are ambitious, *or,* aspire, See Ro 15:20 margin

⁵⁴ *Gk.* through

⁵⁵ *Or possibly,* were

⁵⁶ *Or, there is*

⁵⁷ So p⁴⁶NC 048 1739 0243 cop^{sa,bo} vg. 33 81 and the majority of lesser mss., (arm) add all

⁵⁸ *Or,* placed in us.

who knew no sin he made *to be*⁵⁹ a *sin-offering* on our behalf; that we might become *the* righteousness of God in him.

6 And working together *with him* we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain 2 (for he saith,

⁶⁰At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee,

And in a day of salvation did I succor thee: behold, now *is* an acceptable time; behold, now *is* a day of salvation): 3 giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministration be not blamed; 4 but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much ⁶¹patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in love unfeigned, 7 in *the* word of truth, in *the* power of God; ⁶²by the armor of righteousness on the right *hand* and on *the* left, 8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and *yet* true; 9 as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all *things*.

11 Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians, and our heart is enlarged. 12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own affections. 13 Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto *my* children), be ye also enlarged.

14 Be not unequally yoked *with* unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with ⁶³Belial? or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement hath a ⁶⁴temple of God with idols? for ⁶⁵we are a temple of *the* living God; even as God said, ⁶⁶I will dwell in them, and walk among *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore

⁶⁷Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith *the* Lord,

And touch no unclean *thing*;

And I will receive you,

18 ⁶⁸And will be to you a Father,

⁵⁹ *Gk.* sin (*Gk. and Hb. do not distinguish between sin and sin-offering. See Sin = Sin-offering = Sin-bearer in Rotherham's appendix to the O.T.)*

⁶⁰ Is. 49:8.

⁶¹ *Or,* steadfastness,

⁶² *Gk.* through

⁶³ *Gk.* Beliar (*Hb.* Worthlessness)

⁶⁴ *Or,* sanctuary (ναός, temple house) (*both times*)

⁶⁵ *So* B 33 81 1175 cop^{sa,bo}. *Œ** 1739 0243 *almost alone read* we are temples *p*⁴⁶C *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read* ye are a temple

⁶⁶ Lv 26:12; Ex 29:45; Ez 37:27; Jr 31:1.

⁶⁷ Is 52:11.

And ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith *the* Lord Almighty.

7 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in *the* fear of God.

2 ⁶⁹Open your hearts to us: we wronged no man, we corrupted no man, we took advantage of no man. 3 I say *it* not to condemn *you*: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die together and live together. 4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying on your behalf: I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we were come into Macedonia our flesh had no relief, but *we were* afflicted on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears. 6 Nevertheless he that comforteth the lowly, *even* God, comforted us by the presence of Titus; 7 and not by his presence only, but also by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, while he told us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced yet more. 8 For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it: though I did regret *it* (⁷⁰for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season), 9 I now rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance ⁷¹unto salvation, *a repentance* which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For behold, this selfsame thing, that ye were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yes *what* clearing of yourselves, yes *what* indignation, yes *what* fear, yes *what* longing, yes *what* zeal, yes *what* avenging! In everything ye approved yourselves to be pure in the matter. 12 So although I wrote unto you, *I wrote* not for his cause that did *the* wrong, nor for his cause that suffered *the* wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be made manifest unto you in *the* sight of God. 13 Therefore we have been comforted: and in our comfort we joyed *the* more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit hath been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have gloried to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame; but as we spake all things to you in truth, so our glorying also *which I made* before Titus became truth. 15 And his affection is more abundantly toward you, while *he* remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. 16 I rejoice

⁶⁸ Hos 1:10; Is 43:6.

⁶⁹ *Gk.* Make room for us:

⁷⁰ *So* ŒC 1739 33 81 0243 *and most, cop*^{bo} *arm.* B D* *omit* for *p*⁴⁶ *vg read* seeing that that epistle

⁷¹ *Or,* unto a salvation which bringeth no regret:

that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia; 2 how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their ⁷²liberality. 3 For according to *their* power, I bear witness, yes and beyond *their* power, *they gave* of their own accord, 4 beseeching us with much entreaty in regard of this grace and the ⁷³fellowship in the ministering to the saints: 5 and *this*, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us through *the* will of God. 6 Inasmuch that we exhorted Titus, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace also. 7 But as ye abound in everything, *in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all earnestness, and *in* ⁷⁴our love to you, *see* that ye abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. 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 become rich. 10 And herein I give *my* judgment: for this is profitable for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will. 11 But now complete the doing also; that as *there was* the readiness to will, so *there may be* the completion also out of your ability. 12 For if the readiness is there, *it is* acceptable according as *a man* hath, not according as *a man* hath not. 13 For *I say* not *this* that others *may be* eased *and* ye distressed; but by equality: 14 your abundance *being a supply* at this present time for their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your want; that there may become equality: 15 as it is written, ⁷⁵He that *gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *gathered* little had no lack.

16 But thanks *be* to God, who putteth the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17 For he accepted indeed our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of his own accord. 18 And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the ⁷⁶gospel *is spread* through all the churches; 19 and not only *so*, but *who* was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in *the matter of* this grace, which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord *himself*, and *to show* our readiness:

⁷² *Gk.* singleness. See Ro 12:8.

⁷³ *Or,* communion *or,* joint participation

⁷⁴ So p⁴⁶B 1739 0243 cop^{sa,bo} arm. NC (33) 81 and a majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., vg *read* your love to us, 2464 *reads* your love to you,

⁷⁵ Ex 16:18.

⁷⁶ See marginal note on ch. 2:12.

20 avoiding this, that any man should blame us in *the matter of* this bounty which is ministered by us: 21 for we take thought for things honorable, 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 many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of *the* great confidence which *he hath* in you. 23 Whether *any inquire* about Titus, *he is* my partner and *my* fellow-worker toward you, or our brethren, *they are the* ⁷⁷messengers of *the* churches, *they are the* glory of Christ. 24 ⁷⁸Show ye therefore unto them in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf.

9 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 for I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Macedonia, that Achaia hath been prepared for a year past; and ⁷⁹your zeal hath stirred up ⁸⁰the greater part of them. 3 But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; that, even as I said, ye may be prepared: 4 lest by any means, if there come with me any of Macedonia and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be put to shame in this confidence. 5 I thought *it* necessary therefore to entreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your aforepromised ⁸¹bounty, that the same might be ready as a *matter of* bounty, and not of ⁸²extortion.

6 But this *I say*, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 *Let* each man *do* according as he hath purposed in *his* heart: not ⁸³grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work: 9 as it is written,

⁸⁴He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor;

His righteousness abideth for ever.

10 And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: 11 ye being enriched in everything unto all ⁸⁵liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the

⁷⁷ *Gk.* apostles

⁷⁸ *Or,* Show ye therefore in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf unto them.

⁷⁹ *Or,* emulation of you

⁸⁰ *Gk.* the more part

⁸¹ *Gk.* blessing,

⁸² *Or,* covetousness.

⁸³ *Gk.* of sorrow,

⁸⁴ Ps 112:9.

⁸⁵ *Gk.* singleness. (*and in* vs. 13) Compare ch. 8:2.

measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God; 13 *seeing that* through the proving *of you* by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the ⁸⁶gospel of Christ, and *for the* liberality of your ⁸⁷contribution unto them and unto all; 14 while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks *be* to God for his indescribable gift.

10 Now I Paul *myself* entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who ⁸⁸in your presence *am* lowly among you, but being absent *am* of good courage toward you: 2 yes, I beseech *you*, that I may not when present show courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, who count of us as if we walked according to *the* flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to *the* flesh 4 (for the weapons of our warfare *are* not of *the* flesh, but mighty before God to *the* casting down of strongholds), 5 casting down ⁸⁹imagination, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; 6 and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be made full. 7 ⁹⁰Ye look *at* the things *that are* before your face. If any man trusteth in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also *are* we. 8 For though I should glory somewhat abundantly concerning our authority (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down), I shall not be put to shame: 9 that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters. 10 For, *His* letters, he says, *are* weighty and strong; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech of no account. 11 Let such a one reckon this, that, what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *are we* also in deed when we are present. 12 For we are not bold ⁹¹to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves: but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, ⁹²do not understand. 13 But we will not glory beyond *our* measure, but according to the measure of the ⁹³province which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even unto you. 14 For we

⁸⁶ *Gk.* good tidings *See marginal note on ch. 2:12.*

⁸⁷ *Or,* communion *or,* joint participation

⁸⁸ *Gk.* according to *the* face *am* lowly among you,

⁸⁹ *Or,* reasonings, Ro 2:15.

⁹⁰ *Or,* Do ye look at the things *that are* before your face?

⁹¹ *Gk.* to judge ourselves among *or,* to judge ourselves with

⁹² So p⁴⁶ N^a B 1739 33 81 0243 1175. 256 and the majority of lesser *Gk.* mss. read *are* not wise.

⁹³ *Or,* limit *Gk.* measuring-rod (*and in* vss. 15, 16)

stretch not ourselves overmuch, as though we reached not unto you: for we ⁹⁴came even as far as unto you in the ⁹⁵gospel of Christ: 15 not glorying beyond *our* measure, *that is*, in other men's labors; but having hope that, as your faith groweth, we shall be magnified in you according to our province unto *further* abundance, 16 so as to ⁹⁶preach *the* gospel even unto the *parts* beyond you, *and* not to glory in another's province in regard of things ready to our hand. 17 ⁹⁷But he that glorieth, let him glory in *the* Lord. 18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

11 Would that ye could bear with me in a little foolishness: ⁹⁸but indeed ye do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous *over* you with ⁹⁹a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present *you* as a pure virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your ¹⁰⁰minds should be corrupted from the simplicity ¹⁰¹and the purity that is toward Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another ¹⁰²Jesus, whom we did not preach, or *if* ye receive a different spirit, which ye did not receive, or a different ¹⁰³gospel, which ye did not accept, ye *do* well to bear with *him*. 5 For I reckon that I am not a whit behind ¹⁰⁴the very chiefest apostles. 6 But though *I be* rude in speech, yet *am I* not in knowledge; ¹⁰⁵no, in every *way* have we made *ourselves* manifest unto you in all things. 7 Or did I commit a sin in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I ¹⁰⁶preached to you the gospel of God for nought? 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them* that I might minister unto you; 9 and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied *the* measure of my want; and in *everything* I kept 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 glorying in the

⁹⁴ *Or,* were *the* first to come

⁹⁵ *Gk.* good tidings *See marginal note on ch. 2:12.*

⁹⁶ *Gk.* bring good tidings *Compare* Mt 11:5.

⁹⁷ Jer 9:24.

⁹⁸ *Or,* no indeed bear with me.

⁹⁹ *Gk.* a jealousy of God:

¹⁰⁰ *Gk.* thoughts *See* ch. 3:14.

¹⁰¹ So p⁴⁶ N^a B 33 81 cop^{sa,bo}. 1739 0243 1175 and the majority of lesser *Gk.* mss., arm vg omit and the purity

¹⁰² *Hb.* Joshua, *meaning* Jehovah/Yahweh saves.

¹⁰³ *Gk.* good tidings *See marginal note on ch. 2:12.*

¹⁰⁴ *Or,* those preeminent apostles.

¹⁰⁵ *Or,* no, in everything we have made *it* manifest among all men towards you.

¹⁰⁶ *Gk.* brought good tidings *See* ch. 10:16.

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 ¹⁰⁷occasion from them that desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 For such *men are* false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. 15 *It is* no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think me foolish; but if ye *do*, yet as foolish receive me, that I also may glory a little. 17 That which I speak, I speak not after *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of glorying. 18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. 19 For ye bear with the foolish gladly, being wise *yourselves*. 20 For ye bear with a man, if he bringeth you into bondage, if he devoureth *you*, if he taketh *you captive*, if he exalteth himself, if he smiteth you on *the* face. 21 I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolishness), 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 one beside himself) I more; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, 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 have I been in the deep; 26 *in* journeyings often, *in* perils of rivers, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils from *my* ¹⁰⁸countrymen, *in* perils from *the* Gentiles, *in* perils in *the* city, *in* perils in *the* wilderness, *in* perils in *the* sea, *in* perils among false brethren; 27 *in* labor and travail, *in* watchings often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fastings often, *in* cold and nakedness. 28 ¹⁰⁹Besides those things that are without, *there is* that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is caused to stumble, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness. 31 ¹¹⁰The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed ¹¹¹for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 32 In Damascus the ¹¹²governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of

¹⁰⁷ *Gk.* the occasion of them

¹⁰⁸ *Gk.* race, *Compare* Ac 7:19.

¹⁰⁹ *Or,* Besides the things which I omit, *or,* Besides the things which come out of course,

¹¹⁰ *Or,* God and the Father *See* Ro 15:6.

¹¹¹ *Gk.* unto the ages

¹¹² *Gk.* ethnarch

the Damascenes ¹¹³*in order* to take me: 33 and through a window was I let down in a *rope*-basket through the wall, and escaped his hands.

12 I must needs glory, though profitable *it is* not; but I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in *the* body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up even to *the* third heaven. 3 And I know such a man (whether in *the* body, or apart from the body, I know not; 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 On behalf of such a one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will not glory, save in *my* weaknesses. 6 For if I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak *the* truth: but I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or heareth from me. 7 And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the ¹¹⁴revelations — wherefore, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a ¹¹⁵thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, ¹¹⁶that I should not be exalted overmuch. 8 Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for *my* power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in *my* weaknesses, that ¹¹⁷the power of Christ may ¹¹⁸rest upon me. 10 Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become foolish: ye compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind ¹¹⁹the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing. 12 Truly the signs of *an* apostle were wrought among you in all ¹²⁰patience, by signs and wonders and ¹²¹mighty works. 13 For what is there wherein ye were made inferior to the rest of *the* churches, except *it be*

¹¹³ *So* B D* cop^{sa} arm vg. *But* S (1739) 33 81 0243 *and most Gk. mss.,* (cop^{bo}) *read* , wishing to take me:

¹¹⁴ *So* SBA 1739 33 81 0243 cop^{bo}. p⁴⁶ *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.,* cop^{sa} arm vg *read* revelations that

¹¹⁵ *Or,* stake

¹¹⁶ *So* p⁴⁶B I^{vid} 1739 81 0243 *and most,* cop^{sa,bo} arm. SA 33 D vg *omit* that I should not be exalted overmuch.

¹¹⁷ *So* p⁴⁶vid S*B D* cop^{sa} vg. *But* A 1739 33 81 0243 *and most lesser Gk. mss.,* arm *read* my power

¹¹⁸ *Or,* cover me. *Gk.* spread a tabernacle over me. *See* Rv 7:15.

¹¹⁹ *Or,* those preeminent apostles,

¹²⁰ *Or,* stedfastness,

¹²¹ *Gk.* powers.

that I *myself* was not a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, this *is the* third *time* I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden *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 most gladly spend and be ¹²²spent for your souls. If I *am* loving you more abundantly, am I loved *the* less? 16 But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being crafty, I caught you with guile. 17 Did I take advantage of you by any one of them whom I have sent unto you? 18 I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with *him*. Did Titus take any advantage of you? walked we not by the same spirit? *walked we* not in the same steps?

19 ¹²³Ye think all this time that we are excusing ourselves unto you. In *the* sight of God speak we in Christ. But all things, beloved, *are* for your edifying. 20 For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means *there should be* strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, ¹²⁴tumults; 21 lest again when I come my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

13 This *is the* third *time* I am coming to you. At *the* mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established. 2 I have said ¹²⁵beforehand, and I do say beforehand, ¹²⁶as when I was present the second *time*, so now, being absent, to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3 seeing that ye seek a proof of Christ that speaketh in me; who toward you is not weak, but is powerful in you: 4 for he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through *the* power of God. For we also are ¹²⁷weak in him, but we shall live with him through *the* power of God ¹²⁸toward you. 5 Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own

¹²² *Gk.* spent out

¹²³ *Or*, Think ye ... unto you? *So* \aleph *BA 1739 33 81 0243 1175 cop^{sa} vg. *D* and the majority of lesser *Gk. mss.*, cop^{bo} arm read Again, think ye that ... unto you? ρ ⁴⁶ alone reads Think ye not already that ... unto you?

¹²⁴ *Or*, disorders;

¹²⁵ *Or possibly*, plainly (*both times*) *Compare* 1Ths 3:4.

¹²⁶ *Or*, as if I were present the second time, even though I am now absent,

¹²⁷ *So* B 1739 33 81 0243 and most, cop^{sa,fay} vg. \aleph A G cop^{bo} read weak with him,

¹²⁸ B arm almost alone omit toward you

selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ *is* in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate.

6 But I hope that ye shall know that we are not reprobate. 7 Now we pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honorable, ¹²⁹though we be as reprobate. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we rejoice, when we are weak, and ye are strong: *for* this we also pray, *even* your perfecting. 10 For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

11 Finally, brethren, ¹³⁰farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 12 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the ¹³¹communion of the Holy Spirit, *be* with you all.

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¹²⁹ *Gk.* and that

¹³⁰ *Or*, rejoice: be perfected;

¹³¹ *Or*, fellowship *or*, joint participation