

The Second Epistle Of Paul To The Corinthians

The Argument

As nothing can be written, either so perfectly, or with so great affection and zeal, which is not unprofitable to many, and resisted by some; so the first epistle written by Paul to the Corinthians, besides the purity and perfection of the doctrine, sheweth a love toward them far passing all natural affections, which did not only not profit all, but hardened the hearts of many to remain in their stubbornness, and contemn the Apostle's authority. By reason whereof Paul, being let with just occasions to come unto them, wrote this epistle from Macedonia, minding to accomplish the work which he had begun among them. First therefore he wisheth them well in the Lord, declaring that albeit certain wicked persons abused his afflictions to condemn thereby his authority, yet they were necessary schoolings, and sent to him by God for their bettering. And where as they blame his long absence, it came of no inconstancy, but to bear with their inability and imperfection, left contrary to his fatherly affection, he should have been compelled to use rigor and severity. And as touching his sharp writing in the former epistle, it came through their fault, as is now evident both in that which he pardoneth the trespasser, seeing he doeth repent; and also in that he was unquiet in his mind, till he was certified by Titus of their estate. But for as much as the false apostles went about to undermine his authority, he confuteth their arrogant brags, and commendeth his office, and the diligent executing of the same, so that Satan must have greatly blinded their eyes, which see not the brightness of the Gospel in his preaching; the effect whereof is newness of life, forsaking of our selves, cleaving to God, fleeing from idolatry, embracing the true doctrine, and that sorrow which engendereth true repentance; to the which is joined mercy and compassion towards our brethren; also wisdom to put difference between the simplicity of the Gospel, and the arrogancy of the false preachers, who under pretence of preaching the truth, sought only to fill their bellies, whereas he contrariwise, sought them, and not their goods, as those ambitious persons slandered him; wherefore at his coming he menaceth

such as rebel against his authority, that he will declare by lively example, that he is the faithful ambassador of Jesus Christ.

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2 Corinthians 1

1 He beginneth with the praise of afflictions, 8 declaring what he hath suffered in Asia, 10 and how happily God assisted him. 17 He saith it was not upon any rightness that he came not, according to his promise.

1 Paul an Apostle of JESUS CHRIST, by the will of God, and *our* brother Timothy, to the Church of God, which is at Corinth, with all the Saints, which are in all Achaia:

2 Grace *be* with you, and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort,

4 Which comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any affliction by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation aboundeth through Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is wrought 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 is steadfast concerning you, in as much as we know, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

8 For brethren, we would not have you ignorant of our affliction, which came unto us in Asia, how we were pressed out of measure passing strength, so that we altogether doubted even of life.

9 Yea, we received the sentence of death in ourselves, because we should not trust in ourselves, but in God, which raiseth the dead.

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

11 So that ye labor together in prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us for many, thanks may be given by many persons for us.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly pureness, *and* not in fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God we have had our conversation in the world, and most of all toward you.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than that ye read or else that ye acknowledge, and I trust ye shall acknowledge unto the end.

14 Even as ye have acknowledged us partly, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye are ours, in the day of *our* Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence was I minded first to come unto you, that ye might have had a double grace;

16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and to be led forth toward Judea of you.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? Or mind I those things which I mind, according to the flesh, that with me should be, Yea, yea, and Nay, nay?

18 Yea, God is faithful, that our word toward you was not Yea, and Nay.

19 For the Son of God Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *that is*, by me, and Silvanus, and Timothy, was not Yea, and Nay, but in him it was Yea.

20 For all the promises of God in him *are* Yea, and are in him Amen, unto the glory of God through us.

21 And it is God which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us.

22 Who hath also sealed us, and hath given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Now, I call God for a record unto my soul, that to spare you, I came not as yet unto Corinth.

24 Not that we have dominion over your faith, but we are helpers of your joy; for by faith ye stand.

2 Corinthians 2

1 He excuseth his not coming unto them, 3 and privily reprehendeth them. 4 He sheweth that such is his affection towards them, 5 that he never rejoiceth but when they are merry. 6 Perceiving the adulterer (whom he commanded to be delivered up to Satan) to repent, he requesteth that they forgive him. 31 He mentioneth his going into Macedonia.

1 But I determined thus in myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that should make me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

3 And I wrote this same thing unto you, lest when I came, I should take heaviness of them of whom I ought to rejoice; this confidence have I in you all, that my joy is the *joy* of you all.

4 For in great affliction, and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might perceive the love which I have, specially unto you.

5 And if any hath caused sorrow, the same hath not made me sorry, but partly (lest I should more charge *him*) you all.

6 It is sufficient unto the same man, that he was rebuked of many.

7 So that now contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest the same should be swallowed up with overmuch heaviness.

8 Wherefore, I pray you, that you would confirm your love towards him.

9 For this cause also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye would be obedient in all things.

10 To whom ye forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for verily if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the sight of Christ,

11 Lest Satan should circumvent us; for we are not ignorant of his enterprises.

12 ¶ Furthermore, when I came to Troas *to preach* Christ's Gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother, but took my leave of them, and went away into Macedonia.

14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always maketh us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God the sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them which perish.

16 To the one *we are* the savor of death, unto death, and to the other the savor of life, unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as many, which make merchandise of the word of God, but as of sincerity, but as of God in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3

1 He desireth no other commendation, 3 than their continuing in the faith. 6 He is a minister not of the letter, but of the Spirit. 8 He sheweth the difference of the Law, and the Gospel, 13 that the brightness of the Law doth rather dim the sight than the Lightness; 18 But the Gospel doeth make manifest God's countenance unto us.

1 Do we begin to praise ourselves again? Or need we as some others, Epistles of recommendation unto you, or *letters* of recommendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, which is understood and read of all men;

3 In that ye are manifest, to be the Epistle of Christ, ministered by us, and written, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God;

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to think anything, as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God,

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.

7 If then the ministration of death *written* with letters and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not behold the face of Moses, for the glory of his countenance (which *glory* is done away.)

8 How shall not the ministration of the Spirit be more glorious?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation *was* glorious, much more doeth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

10 For even that which was glorified, was not glorified in this point, *that is*, as touching the exceeding glory.

11 For if that which should be abolished, *was* glorious, much more shall that which remaineth be glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such trust, we use great boldness of speech.

13 And *we are* not as Moses, *which* put a veil upon his face, that the children of Israel should not look unto the end of that which should be abolished.

14 Therefore their minds are hardened; for until this day remaineth the same covering untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament, which *veil* in Christ is put away.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is laid over their hearts.

16 Nevertheless when their *heart* shall be turned to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

18 But we all behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord with open face, and are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4

1 He sheweth that he hath so labored in preaching the Gospel, 4 that such are even blinded of Satan, who do not perceive the brightness thereof, 7 that the same is carried in earthen vessels, 10 who are subject to many miseries; 16 and therefore he exhorteth them by his own example to be courageous, 17 and contemn this present life.

1 Therefore, seeing that we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have cast from us the cloaks of shame, and walk not in craftiness, neither handle we the word of God deceitfully, but in declaration of the truth we approve ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 If our Gospel be then hid, it is hid to them that are lost.

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds, *that is*, of the infidels, that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, which is the image of God, should not shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God that commanded the light to shine out of darkness, *is he* which 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 that power might be of God, and not of us.

8 We are afflicted on every side, yet *are we* not in distress; we are in doubt, but yet we despair not.

9 *We are* persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but we perish not.

10 Everywhere we bear about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might also be made manifest in our bodies.

11 For we which live, are always 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, and life in you.

13 And because we have 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 hath raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall set us with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the most plenteous grace by the thanksgiving of many, may redound to the praise of God.

16 Therefore we faint not, but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed daily.

17 For our light affliction which is but for a moment, causeth unto us a far most excellent *and* an eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not on the things which are seen, but on the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen, are temporal, but the things which are not seen, are eternal.

2 Corinthians 5

1 He continueth in the same argument, 6 touching the certain hope of salvation 8 through faith, 12 not to praise himself, 14 seeing he hath God and his Church before his eyes, 17 and esteemeth nothing, but newness of life in Christ.

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be destroyed, we have a building *given* of God, *that is*, a house not made with hands, *but* eternal in the heavens.

2 For therefore we sigh, desiring to be clothed with our house, which is from heaven.

3 Because that if we be clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed we that are in this tabernacle, sigh and are burdened, because we would not be unclothed, but would be clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 And he that hath created us for this thing, *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore we are alway bold, though we know that whiles we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.

7 (For we walk by faith, and not by sight.)

8 Nevertheless, we are bold, and love rather to remove out of the body, and to dwell with the Lord.

9 Wherefore also we covet, that both dwelling at home, and removing from home, we may be acceptable to him.

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

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

12 For we praise not ourselves again unto you, but give you an occasion to rejoice of us, that ye may have *to answer* against them, which rejoice in the face, and not in the heart.

13 For whether we be out of our wit, *we are it* to God; or whether we be in our right mind, *we are it* unto you.

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

15 And 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 had known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *let him be* a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things *are* of God, which hath reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given unto us the ministry of reconciliation.

19 For God was in Christ, and reconciled the world to himself, not imputing their sins unto them, and hath committed to us the word of reconciliation.

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

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, which knew no sin, that we should be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 6

1 He exhorteth them to lead their lives as it becometh Christians, 5 neither to be dismayed in tribulations, 9 nor puffed up with glory; 14 to avoid all uncleanness, 16 considering that they are the temples of the living God.

1 So we therefore as workers together beseech you, that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

2 For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee; behold now the accepted time, behold now the day of salvation.

3 We give no occasion of offence in anything, that *our* ministry should not be reprehended.

4 But in all things we approve ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in prisons, in tumults, in labors,

6 By watchings, by fastings, by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand, and on the left,

8 By honor, and dishonor, by evil report, and good report, as deceivers, and *yet* true;

9 As unknown, and *yet* known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed;

10 As sorrowing, and *yet* always rejoicing; as poor, and *yet* making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

11 O Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is made large.

12 Ye are not kept strait in us, but ye are kept strait in your own bowels.

13 Now for the same recompense, I speak as to *my* children, Be you also enlarged.

14 Be not unequally yoked with the infidels; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath the believer with the infidel?

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 among them, and walk there; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and separate yourselves, saith the Lord, and touch none unclean thing, and I will receive you.

18 And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord almighty.

2 Corinthians 7

1 Left by overmuch urging them he should dismay their tender minds, 2 he proveth that all that he said, 4 proceeded of the great good will he bare unto them; 8 and therefore they should not be offended, that he made them sorry, 10 and brought them to repentance not to be repented of.

1 Seeing then we have these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and finish *our* sanctification in the fear of God.

2 Receive us; we have done wrong to no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.

3 I speak it not to *your* condemnation, for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts, to die and live together.

4 I use great boldness of speech toward you; I rejoyce greatly in you; I am filled with comfort, and am exceeding joyous in all our tribulation.

5 For when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side, fightings without, and terrors within.

6 But God, that comforteth the abject, comforted us at the coming of Titus;

7 And not by his coming only, but also by the consolation wherewith he was comforted of you, when he told us your great desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me, so that I rejoiced much more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I repent not, though I did repent; for I perceive that the same Epistle made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

9 I now rejoyce, not that ye were sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye sorrowed godly, so that in nothing ye were hurt by us.

10 For godly sorrow causeth repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of, but the worldly sorrow causeth death.

11 For behold, this thing that ye have been godly sorry, what great care it hath wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *how* great desire, yea, *what* a zeal, yea, *what* revenge, in all things ye have shewed yourselves, that ye are pure in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did not it for his cause that had done the wrong, neither for his cause that had the injury, but that our care toward you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

13 Therefore we were comforted, because ye were comforted, but rather we rejoiced much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

14 For if that I have boasted anything to him of you, I have not been ashamed; but as I have spoken unto you all things in truth, even so our boasting unto Titus was true.

15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, when he remembereth the obedience of you all, *and* how with fear and trembling ye received him.

16 I rejoyce *therefore* that I may put my confidence in you in all things.

2 Corinthians 8

1 He exhorteth them by the example of the Macedonians, 9 and also even of Christ himself, 14 to be liberal towards the saints; 16 for which purpose, he sheweth that Titus, 18 and another brother came unto them.

1 We do you also to wit, brethren, of the grace of God bestowed upon the Churches of Macedonia,

2 Because in great trial of affliction their joy abounded, and their most extreme poverty abounded unto their rich liberality.

3 For to *their* power (I bear record) yea, and beyond their power they were willing,

4 And prayed us with great instance that we would receive the grace, and fellowship of the ministering which is toward the Saints.

5 And *this they did*, not as we looked for, but gave their ownelves, first to the Lord, and *after* unto us by the will of God,

6 That we should exhort Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also accomplish the same grace among you also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith and word, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love towards us, *even so see* that ye abound in this grace also.

8 This say I not by commandment, but because of the diligence of others, therefore prove I the naturalness of your love.

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

10 And I shew *my* mind herein, for this is expedient for you, which have begun not to do only, but also to will, a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform to do it also, that as *there was* a readiness to will, even so ye may perform it 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 Neither *is it* that other men should be eased and you grieved;

14 But upon like condition, at this time your abundance *supplieth* their lack; that also their abundance may be for your lack, that there may be equality;

15 As it is written, He that *gathered* much, had nothing over, and he that *gathered* little, had not the less.

16 And thanks *be* unto God, which hath put in the heart of Titus the same care for you.

17 Because he accepted the exhortation, yea, he was so careful that of his own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent also with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the Gospel throughout all the Churches.

19 (And not so only, but is also chosen of the Churches to be a fellow in our journey, concerning this grace that is ministered by us unto the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration* of your prompt mind.)

20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance that is ministered by us,

21 Providing for honest things, not only before the Lord, but also before men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oft times proved to be diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, for the great confidence, which *I have* in you.

23 Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my fellow and helper toward you; or of our brethren, they are messengers of the Churches, *and* the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore shew toward them, and before the Churches the proof of your love, and of the rejoicing that we have of you.

2 Corinthians 9

1 Why, albeit he think well of their ready wills, 3 yet earnestly exhorteth them, 4 he yieldeth a reason; 6 He compareth alms to seed sowing, 10 which God doeth repay with great gain.

1 For as touching the ministering to the Saints, it is superfluous for me to write unto you.

2 For I know your readiness of mind, whereof I boast myself of you unto them of Macedonia, *and say*, that Achaia was prepared a year ago, and your zeal hath provoked many.

3 Now have I sent the brethren, lest our rejoicing over you should be in vain in this behalf, that ye (as I have said) be ready;

4 Lest if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we may not say, you) should be ashamed in this my constant boasting.

5 Wherefore, I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to come before unto you, and to finish your benevolence appointed afore, that it might be ready, *and come* as of benevolence, and not as of niggardliness.

6 This yet *remember*, that he which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth liberally, shall reap also liberally.

7 As every man wisheth 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 to abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work,

9 (As it is written, He hath sparsed abroad and hath given to the poor, his benevolence remaineth forever.

10 Also he that findeth seed to the sower, will minister likewise bread for food, and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your benevolence.)

11 That on all parts ye may be made rich unto all liberality, which causeth through us thanksgiving unto God.

12 For the ministration of this service not only supplieth the necessities of the Saints, but also is abundant by the thanksgiving of many unto God,

13 (Which by the experiment of this ministration praise God for your voluntary submission to the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution to them, and to all men.)

14 And by their prayer for you, to long after you greatly, for the abundant grace of God in you.

15 Thanks therefore *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 10

2 He sheweth with what confidence, 4 with what weapons, 6 and with what revenge he is armed against the cavillations of the wicked, 7 and that, when he is present, his deeds have no less power, 11 than his words have force when he is absent.

1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness, and gentleness of Christ, which when I am present among you am base, but *am* bold toward you being absent;

2 And *this* I require you, that I need not to be bold when I am present, with that same confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which esteem us as though we walked according to the flesh.

3 Nevertheless, though we walk in the flesh, yet we do not war after the flesh.

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to cast down holds.)

5 Casting down the imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ,

6 And having ready the vengeance against all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Look ye on things after the appearance? If any man trust in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again of himself, 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 have no shame.

9 *This I say*, that I may not seem as *it were* to fear you with letters.

10 For the letters, saith he, are sore and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is of no value.

11 Let such one think this, that such as we are in word by letters, when we are absent, such *will we be* also indeed, when we are present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or to compare ourselves to them, which praise themselves; but they understand not that they measure themselves with themselves, and compare themselves with themselves.

13 But we will not rejoice of things, which are not within *our* measure, but according to the measure of the line, whereof God hath distributed unto us a measure to attain even unto you.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond *our* measure, as though we had not attained unto you, for even to you also have we come *in preaching* the Gospel of Christ;

15 Not boasting of things which are without *our* measure, *that is*, of other men's labors, and we hope, when your faith shall increase, to be magnified by you according to our line abundantly,

16 And to preach the Gospel in those *regions* which *are* beyond you, not to rejoice in another man's line, *that is*, in the things that are prepared already.

17 But let him that rejoiceth, rejoice in the Lord.

18 For he that praiseth himself, is not allowed, but he whom the Lord praiseth.

2 Corinthians 11

2 He testifieth that for the great love's sake he beareth to the Corinthians, he is compelled 5 to utter his own praises; 9 and that he bestowed his labor on them without any reward, 13 that the false apostles should not surpass him anything, 22 whom he far excelled in those things which are praise worthy indeed.

1 Would to God, ye could suffer a little my foolishness, and indeed, ye suffer me.

2 For I am jealous over you, with godly jealousy; for I have prepared you for one husband, to present you *as* a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupt from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh, preacheth another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit whom ye have not received, either another Gospel, which ye have not received, ye might well have suffered *him*.

5 Verily I suppose that I was not inferior to the very chief Apostles.

6 And though *I be* rude in speaking, yet *I am* not *so* in knowledge, but among you we have been made manifest to the utmost, in all things.

7 Have I committed an offence, because I abased myself, that ye might be exalted, and because I preached to you the Gospel of God freely?

8 I robbed other Churches, and took wages *of them* to do you service.

9 And when I was present with you, and had need, I was not slothful to the hindrance of any man; for that which was lacking unto me, the brethren which came from Macedonia, supplied, and in all things I kept and will keep myself, that I should not be grievous unto you.

10 The truth of Christ is in me, that this rejoicing shall not be shut up against me in the regions of Achaia.

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

12 But what I do, that will I do, that I may cut away occasion from them which desire occasion, that they might be found like unto us in that wherein they rejoice.

13 For such false apostles are deceitful workers, and transform 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, though his ministers transform themselves, as though *they were* the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think that I am foolish, or else take me even as a fool, that I also may boast myself a little.

17 That I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as *it were* foolishly, in this *my* great boasting.

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

19 For ye suffer fools gladly, because that ye are wise.

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

21 I speak as concerning the reproach, as though that we had been weak; but wherein any man is bold (I speak foolishly) I am bold also.

22 They are Hebrews, so am I; they are Israelites, so am I; they are the seed of Abraham, so am I;

23 They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prison more plenteously, in death oft.

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

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

26 In journeying *I was* often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own nation, in perils among the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren,

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watching often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and in nakedness.

28 Beside the things which are outward, I am cumbered daily, *and have* 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 rejoice, I will rejoice of my infirmities.

31 The God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor of the people under King Aretas, laid watch in the city of the Damascenes, and would have caught me.

33 But at a window was I let down in a basket through the wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 12

1 He doth unwillingly make rehearsal, 3 of the heavenly visions, 4 that were revealed unto him, 6 for which though he might indeed glory, yet he will not, 10 being privy of his own infirmities; 11 but they drive him to this kind of folly, 20 in that they give ear to certain vain glorious persons, who draw them for Christ.

1 It is not expedient for me no doubt to rejoyce; for I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether *he were* in the body, I cannot tell, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth) which was taken up into the third heaven.

3 And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth.)

4 How that he was taken up into Paradise, and heard words which cannot be spoken, which are not possible for man to utter.

5 Of such a man will I rejoyce; of myself will I not rejoyce, except it be of my infirmities.

6 For though I would rejoyce, I should not be a fool, for I will say the truth; but I refrain, lest any man should think of me above that he seeth in me, or that he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should be exalted out of measure through the abundance of revelations, there was given unto me a prick in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, because I should not be exalted out of 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 power is made perfect through weakness.** Very gladly therefore will I rejoice rather in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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

11 I was a fool to boast myself; ye have compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you, for in nothing was I inferior unto the very chief Apostles, though I be nothing.

12 The signs of an Apostle were wrought among you with all patience, with signs, and wonders, and great works.

13 For what is it, wherein ye were inferiors unto other Churches, except that I have not been slothful to your hindrance? Forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come unto you, and yet will I not be slothful to your hindrance; for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the fathers, but the fathers for the children.

15 And I will most gladly bestow, and will be bestowed for your souls, though the more I love you, the less I am loved.

16 But be it that I charged you not; yet for as much as I was crafty, I took you with guile.

17 Did I pill you by any of them whom I sent unto you?

18 I have desired Titus, and with him I have sent a brother; did Titus pill you of anything? Walked we not in the selfsame spirit? *Walked we* not in the same steps?

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

20 For I fear lest when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not, and lest *there be* strife, envying, wrath, contentions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings *and* discord.

21 *I fear* lest when I come again, my God abase me among you, and I shall bewail many of them which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness, and fornication, and wantonness which they have committed.

2 Corinthians 13

1 Coming the third time, 2 he denounceth the sharper vengeance towards them, 5 who have a perfect trial of the power of Christ in his Apostleship; 10 At length he prayeth for their repentance, 11 and wisheth them prosperity.

1 This is the third time that I come unto you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word stand.

2 I told you before, and tell you before, as though I had been present the second time, so write I now being absent to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all others, that if I come again, I will not spare,

3 Seeing that ye seek experience of Christ, that speaketh in me, which toward you is not weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified concerning *his* infirmity, yet liveth he through the power of God. And we no doubt are weak in him, but we shall live with him, through the power of God toward you.

5 Prove yourselves whether ye are in the faith; examine yourselves; know ye not your ownelves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

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

7 Now I pray unto God that ye do none evil, not that we should seem approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we cannot *do* anything against the truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad when we are weak, and that ye are strong; this also we wish for, *even* your perfection.

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

11 Finally brethren, fare ye well, 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 a holy kiss. All the Saints salute you.

13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy Ghost be with you all, Amen.

The second Epistle to the Corinthians, written from Philippi, a city in Macedonia, and sent by Titus and Lucas.