

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through a will of God, and Timothy the brother.
To the assembly of God being at Corinth, with all the holy ones being in all
Achaia;

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of the
compassions and God of all encouragement, ⁴ Who is encouraging us in all our affliction,
toward our being able to be encouraging those in any affliction, through the
encouragement with which we ourselves are being encouraged under God. ⁵ Because just
as the sufferings of the Christ are abounding in us, thus through the Christ our
encouragement is also abounding. ⁶ But if we are being afflicted, it's for your
encouragement and salvation, which is operating in endurance of the same sufferings
which we also are suffering. ⁷ And our expectation is sure concerning you, if we are
being encouraged for the sake of your encouragement and salvation, having known that
as you are indeed sharers of the sufferings, thus also of the encouragement.

⁸ For we aren't wanting you to be ignorant, brethren, over our affliction having
happened to us in Asia, that according to excess we were burdened beyond ability, so as
for us to be made despondent even of living. ⁹ But we ourselves have had the sentence of
the death in ourselves, so that we may not be having confidence upon ourselves, but upon
God Who raises the dead, ¹⁰ Who from so great a death rescued us and is rescuing, in
Whom we have expected that also He will still rescue, ¹¹ you also helping together on our
behalf in request, so that from many persons thanks may be given for you for the gift
given to us through many.

¹² For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in genuineness
and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, we conducted
ourselves in the world, but abundantly toward you. ¹³ For we aren't writing anything
other to you, other than the things which you are reading or also are recognizing. But I
am expecting that you also will recognize until the end ¹⁴ (just as also you recognized us
in part) because we are your boasting, as indeed also you are ours in the day of the Lord
Jesus.

¹⁵ And in this confidence I was determining to come to you previously, so that you
might have a second grace, ¹⁶ and to go through you into Macedonia, and again from
Macedonia to come to you, and to be sent forth by you into Judea. ¹⁷ Therefore,
determining this, I didn't then use lightness, did I? Or that which I am determining, am I
determining according to flesh, so that there may be with me the "Yes, Yes" and the "No,
No"? ¹⁸ But God is faithful, because our word to you didn't become "Yes and no."

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, having been proclaimed through us among you –
through me, and Silvanus, and Timothy – didn't become "Yes and no," but has become
"Yes" in Him. ²⁰ For as many as are the promises of God, in Him is the "Yes," and in
Him the "Amen," toward glory to God through us. ²¹ But the One confirming us together

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with you in Christ and having anointed us is God, ²² the One also having sealed us and having given the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts.

²³ But I am calling upon God as a witness against my soul, that I came no more to Corinth, sparing you. ²⁴ Not because we are having lordship over your faith, but we are co-workers for your joy; for you have stood by belief.

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¹ But I judged this within myself: not to come to you again in sorrow. ² For if I am making you sorrowful, then who is the one making me happy, if not the one being made to sorrow by me?

³ And I wrote this same thing to you so that, having come, I should not have sorrow from those of whom it was necessary for me to be rejoicing over, having been persuaded over you all, that my joy is of you all. ⁴ For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you through many tears, not so that you should be made sorrowful, but so that you should know the devotion which I am having abundantly for you. ⁵ Now if anyone has made sorrowful, he has not made me sorrowful, but in part, lest I should be burdening you all. ⁶ Sufficient to such is this sentence which was inflicted by the majority, ⁷ so that on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and encourage, lest somehow such a one may be swallowed up by the abundant sorrow. ⁸ Therefore I encourage you to confirm devotion to him. ⁹ For to this end I also wrote, so that I might know your proven character, if you are obedient in all things. ¹⁰ But to whom you are forgiving anything, I also. For if I also have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one through you in the face of Christ, ¹¹ so that we might not be violated under Satan, for we aren't ignorant of his intentions.

¹² But having come to Troas for the good message of the Christ, and a door having been opened for me in the Lord, ¹³ I didn't have relief in my spirit because of my not finding Titus my brother, but having taken leave of them, I departed into Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, He always causing us to celebrate a triumph in the Christ and manifesting the fragrance of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

¹⁵ Because we are to God an aroma of Christ among those being saved and among those perishing; ¹⁶ to the one a fragrance of death into death, but to the other a fragrance of life into life. And who is sufficient toward these things? ¹⁷ For we aren't as the rest, retailing the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we are speaking before God in Christ.

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¹ Are we beginning again to recommend ourselves? We aren't needing, as some, letters of recommendation to you or of recommendation from you, are we? ² You are our letter, having been engraved in our hearts, having been known and having been read by all men; ³ being made manifest that you are a letter of Christ, having been ministered by us, having been engraved, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not in tablets of stone, but in tablets in hearts of flesh.

⁴ But we are having such confidence through the Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient from ourselves to consider anything as from ourselves, but our sufficiency

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is from God, ⁶ Who also made us sufficient servants of a new covenant, not of letter, but Spirit; for the letter is killing, but the Spirit is making alive.

⁷ But if the ministry of death, having been inscribed in letters in stones, came into being in glory, so that the sons of Israel were not able to gaze into the face of Moses because of the glory of his face which was being nullified, ⁸ how isn't the ministry of the Spirit in more glory? ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness is abounding much more in glory. ¹⁰ For also that having been glorified hasn't been glorified in this respect, on account of the exceeding glory. ¹¹ For if that which is passing away is with glory, by much more that which is remaining is in glory.

¹² Having therefore such expectation, we are employing great freedom of speech – ¹³ and not as Moses was putting a veil upon his face so that the sons of Israel wouldn't gaze at the end of what was being nullified. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For until today the same veil remains, not having been taken away upon the reading of the Old Covenant, because in Christ it is being nullified. ¹⁵ But until today when Moses is read, a veil is lying upon their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is being taken away from around it. ¹⁷ But the Lord is the Spirit; but where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. ¹⁸ But we all, with face unveiled, mirroring the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image, from glory into glory, just as from the Spirit of the Lord.

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¹ Because of this, having this service, as we received mercy, we aren't despairing, ² but we renounced the hidden things of the shame, not walking in craftiness, nor using the Word of God deceitfully, but by the manifestation of the truth, recommending ourselves to every conscience of men before God. ³ But even if our good message has been veiled, it has been veiled among those perishing, ⁴ among whom the god of this age blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the good message of the glory of the Christ, Who is the image of God, shouldn't shine on them. ⁵ For we aren't proclaiming ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, but ourselves your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ Because it is God, Who said that light should shine from darkness, Who shined in our hearts to the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we are holding this treasure in clay vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be from God, and not from us; ⁸ in everything being afflicted, but not being restricted; being perplexed, but not being entirely perplexed; ⁹ being persecuted, but not being forsaken; being thrown down, but not being destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the putting to death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also is manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also is manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then, the death is operating in us, but the life in you. ¹³ But having the same spirit of the faith, according to that having been written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also are believing, therefore we also are speaking, ¹⁴ having known that the One having raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will present us together with you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, so that the increasing grace, through the more thanksgiving, may abound to the glory of God.

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¹⁶ Therefore, we aren't despairing. But also, if our outer man is decaying, yet the inner is being renewed day-by-day. ¹⁷ For the momentary lightness of our affliction is working out for us an everlasting weight of glory according to excellence to excellence, ¹⁸ while we aren't looking at the things being seen, but the things not being seen. For the things being seen are temporary, but the things not being seen are everlasting.

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¹ For we have known that if our earthly house of this tent is destroyed, we are having a building from God, a house not hand-made, everlasting in the heavens. ² For in this we also are groaning, longing to put on our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed also, having put it on, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For we also who are being in the tent are groaning, being burdened, inasmuch as we are not wanting to be stripped, but to put on clothing, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life. ⁵ But the One having undertaken for us for this same thing is God, Who also has given to us the down payment of the Spirit. ⁶ Therefore always being confident, and having known that being at home in the body, we are away from home from the Lord – ⁷ for we are walking through belief, not through sight – ⁸ but we are being confident, and are considering it good rather to be away from home from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

⁹ Therefore also we are aspiring, whether being at home or away from home, to be pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For it is necessary for us all to be manifested before the judgment dais of the Christ, so that each one may obtain the requital of the things done through the body, in reference to the things being practiced, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Therefore, having known the fear of the Lord, we are persuading men; but we have been manifested to God, but I am expecting also to have been manifested in your consciences.

¹² For we, again, aren't recommending ourselves to you, but giving an occasion to you for boasting on our behalf, so that you may be having something toward those boasting in face and not in heart. ¹³ For if we were out of our senses, it was for God; if we are of sound thinking, it's for you. ¹⁴ For the devotion of the Christ is constraining us, having judged this: that if one died for all, then the all died. ¹⁵ And He died for all, so that the living should no longer be living for themselves, but for the One having died and having risen for them. ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we know no one according to flesh; but even if we have known Christ according to flesh, yet now we are no longer knowing Him thus. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he's a new creation; the old passed away; behold, the all things have become new. ¹⁸ But "the all things" are from God, having reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and having given to us the ministry of this reconciliation: ¹⁹ that is, that God was reconciling the world to Himself, in Christ, not accounting their trespasses to them, and having put in us the word of the reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, in behalf of Christ we are serving as ambassadors, as exhorting from God through us, we are beseeching in behalf of Christ: "Be reconciled to God!" ²¹ For He made the One not knowing sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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¹ But working together, we also are encouraging you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He is saying, “In an acceptable season I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you.” Behold, now is a well-acceptable season. Behold, now is “a day of salvation,” ³ giving no stumblingblock in anything, so that the ministry may not be blamed, ⁴ but in everything recommending ourselves as servants of God: in much endurance, in afflictions, in needs, in restrictions, ⁵ in strokes, in imprisonments, in disruptions, in toilings, in watchings, in fastings, ⁶ in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unhypocritical devotion, ⁷ in a word of truth, in power of God, through the weapons of the righteousness of the right and of the left, ⁸ through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers and true; ⁹ as being unknown and being fully known; as dying, and behold we are living; as being disciplined, and not having been put to death; ¹⁰ as being sorrowful, but always rejoicing; as poor, but enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all.

¹¹ Our mouth has been opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been broadened.

¹² You aren't being restricted in us, but you are being restricted in your inward parts.

¹³ Now in the same repayment – I am speaking as to children – you also be broadened.

¹⁴ Don't become differently-yoked with unbelievers. For what cooperation is there for righteousness and lawlessness? But what fellowship for light and darkness?

¹⁵ But what agreement for Christ with Belial? Or what part is there for a believer with that of an unbeliever? ¹⁶ But what accord is there for the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. Just as God said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their God and they shall be to Me a people. ¹⁷ Therefore go out from the midst of them and be separated, says the Lord, and don't be touching unclean things, and I will admit you, ¹⁸ and I will be for a Father to you and you will be for sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.”

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¹ Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all smearing of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in fear of God.

² Make room for us. We wronged no one. We corrupted no one. We violated no one. ³ I am not speaking toward condemnation; for I have said before that you are in our hearts so as to die together and to live together. ⁴ With me there is much freedom of speech toward you, with me much boasting on your behalf. I have been filled with encouragement. I am super-abounding with joy in all our affliction.

⁵ For also, we having come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but in everything we were being afflicted; outside battles, inside fears. ⁶ But God, Who is encouraging the lowly, encouraged us in the arrival of Titus, ⁷ but not only in his arrival, but also in the encouragement with which he was encouraged over you, reporting to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal in behalf of me, so that I was caused to rejoice more. ⁸ Because if and I sorrowed you in the letter, I am not being caused to regret it; even though I was being caused to regret. For I am seeing that that letter sorrowed you, even if for an hour. ⁹ I am rejoicing now, not because you were caused to sorrow, but because you were caused to sorrow to a change of mind. For you were caused to sorrow

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according to God, so that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰ For the sorrow according to God is producing a change of mind to salvation, without regret; but the sorrow of the world is producing death. ¹¹ For behold this same thing – your being caused to sorrow according to God – how much diligence it produced in you, yet defense, yet indignation, yet fear, yet longing, yet zeal, yet vengeance! In everything you recommended yourselves to be pure in the matter. ¹² Then, even if I wrote to you, it wasn't on account of the one having been wronged, nor on account of the one having done wrong, but for the sake of the manifesting of your diligence which is in behalf of us, to you, before God. ¹³ Because of this, we have been encouraged.

But upon your encouragement we were made to rejoice exceedingly more over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. ¹⁴ Because if I have boasted about anything to him of you, I was not put to shame. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, thus also our boasting to Titus became truth. ¹⁵ And his inward parts are exceedingly toward you, remembering the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. ¹⁶ I am rejoicing that in everything I am confident in you.

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¹ But we are making known to you, brethren, the grace of God which has been given in the assemblies of Macedonia, ² that in much testing of affliction the abundance of their joy and their down-to-a-depth poverty abounded to the riches of their genuineness. ³ Because according to ability, I am testifying, and above ability, choosing of their own, ⁴ with much urging, requesting of us the grace and the fellowship of the service which is to the holy ones. ⁵ And not as we expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us through a will of God, ⁶ toward our encouraging Titus, so that just as he previously began, thus also he would perfect this grace in you also. ⁷ But as indeed you are abounding in everything – in faith, and word, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in the devotion from you to us – see that you are abounding in this grace also.

⁸ I am not speaking according to command, but even testing the reality of your devotion through the diligence of others. ⁹ For you are knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich, He was impoverished for your sakes, so that you would be rich through His poverty. ¹⁰ And I am giving my opinion in this, for this is profitable for you, who previously began not only the doing, but also the desiring from last year. ¹¹ But now also perfect the doing of it, that as indeed there was the eagerness of the desiring, thus also the perfecting out of what you have. ¹² For if the eagerness is exhibited, it is well-acceptable according as anyone might be having, not according as he is not having. ¹³ For it isn't so that others get relief, but you affliction, ¹⁴ but out of equality; in the present season your abundance for their lack, so that also their abundance may occur for your lack, in order that equality may occur. ¹⁵ Just as it has been written, "He of the much didn't increase, and he of little didn't have too little."

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, Who gives the same diligence concerning you in the heart of Titus. ¹⁷ Because he accepted the encouragement, but being more diligent, choosing of his own accord, he went to you. ¹⁸ But we sent together with him the brother whose great praise is in the good message throughout all the assemblies – ¹⁹ but not only so, yet also having been hand-picked by the assemblies as our traveling companion with this grace

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which is being served by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and our eagerness – ²⁰ avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this bounty being served by us; ²¹ taking forethought for good things, not only before the Lord, but also before men. ²² But we sent together with them our brother whom we often tested as being diligent in many things, but now much more diligent by great confidence which is in you. ²³ If inquiring over Titus, he is my partner and a co-worker for you; if of our brothers, they are envoys of assemblies, a glory of Christ. ²⁴ Therefore prove to them the proof of your devotion and of our boasting over you in the face of the assemblies.

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¹ For concerning the service to the holy ones, it is superfluous for me to be writing to you. ² For I have known your eagerness in which I am boasting over you to Macedonians that Achaia has been prepared from last year, and the zeal from you stimulated the majority. ³ But I sent the brothers so that our boasting over you might not be made empty in this matter, so that just as I was saying, you are prepared, ⁴ lest perhaps, if Macedonians come with me and may find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) might be put to shame in this essence of the boasting. ⁵ Therefore I deemed it necessary to encourage the brothers, so that they might go ahead to you and might pre-arrange your previously-announced blessing, for this to be ready thus as a blessing, and not as a greed.

⁶ But this: The one sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one sowing upon blessing will also reap upon blessing, ⁷ just as each previously decides in the heart, not from sorrow or from necessity, for God is devoted to a merry giver. ⁸ But God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in everything, always having all contentment, you may be abounding to every good work, ⁹ just as it has been written, “He scattered, he gave to the poor. His righteousness continues into the age.”

¹⁰ But may the One intensively supplying seed to the one sowing and bread for food, supply and multiply your seed and increase the fruits of your righteousness; ¹¹ being made rich in everything to all genuineness, which is producing thanksgiving to God through us. ¹² Because the service of this ministry is not only filling up the lack of the holy ones, but also abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ through the proof of this service glorifying God, upon the submission of your confession to the good message of the Christ and genuineness of the fellowship toward them and toward all, ¹⁴ and their petition in behalf of you, longing for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ But thanks be to God over His indescribable gift!

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¹ Now I, Paul, myself am encouraging you through the gentleness and clemency of the Christ, who in presence am humble among you, but being absent am bold toward you. ² But I am requesting that I won't need to be bold when present with the confidence with which I am considering to be daring upon some: those considering us as walking according to flesh. ³ For walking in flesh, we aren't warring according to flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare aren't fleshly, but powerful in God toward demolition of fortresses, ⁵ demolishing reasonings and every high thing being lifted up against the knowledge of God, and taking every thought into captivity to the obedience of the Christ,

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⁶ and being ready to avenge all disobedience when your obedience is made full. ⁷ You are looking at things according to their face. If anyone has been confident that he himself is of Christ, let him from himself again be considering this: that just as he is of Christ, so also we are of Christ. ⁸ For if I also boast somewhat more abundantly about our authority, which the Lord gave us for upbuilding, and not for your demolition, I won't be ashamed, ⁹ so that I may not seem to be terrifying you through my letters. ¹⁰ Because "The letters" they are saying, "are heavy and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and the message having been despised." ¹¹ Let such consider this: that of what sort we are in the message through letters, being absent, of such also in work, being present!

¹² For we aren't daring to class or compare ourselves with any of those recommending themselves, but they, measuring themselves among themselves and comparing themselves with themselves, don't understand. ¹³ But we won't boast into the immeasurable, but according to the measure of the rule which God measured to us as a measure, to extend also as far as you. ¹⁴ For we aren't overstretching ourselves (as though not extending to you), for we also came as far as you in the good message of the Christ; ¹⁵ not boasting to the immeasurable in toils of others, but having expectation, your faith being increased among you to be magnified according to our rule into abundance, ¹⁶ to announce the good message into the areas beyond you, and not to boast in the things prepared in the rule of others. ¹⁷ But, "the one boasting, let him boast in the Lord." ¹⁸ For not the one recommending himself is approved, but the one whom the Lord recommends.

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¹ Would that you were putting up with me a little in this foolishness – but also you are putting up with me. ² For I am zealous for you with zeal of God. For I joined you to one husband, as a pure virgin, to present you to the Christ. ³ But I am fearing, lest perhaps as the snake thoroughly deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the genuineness which is in the Christ. ⁴ For if the one coming to you is proclaiming another Jesus whom we didn't proclaim, or you are receiving a different spirit which you didn't receive, or a different good message which you didn't accept, you are putting up with him well!

⁵ For I am counting myself to have been lacking in nothing to the superlatively distinguished apostles. ⁶ But even if uninstructed in speech, yet not in knowledge, but having been manifested in every way in all things to you. ⁷ Or did I do sin, humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I announced as a good message the good message of God to you freely? ⁸ I despoiled other assemblies, having taken expenses for the service to you. ⁹ And being present with you and lacking, I didn't burden anyone, for the brethren having come from Macedonia fully furnished my lack. And in everything I kept myself unburdensome to you, and I will keep so. ¹⁰ Truth of Christ is in me, that this boasting won't be stopped for me in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹ Why? Because I'm not devoted to you? God has known. ¹² But what I am doing I also will do, so that I may cut off the starting point of those desiring a starting point, so that in what they are boasting they may be found just as we also. ¹³ For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself is transforming into a messenger of light. ¹⁵ No great thing therefore if also his servants are transforming as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

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¹⁶ Again I am saying, let no one suppose me to be non-thinking. But if so, at least accept me as non-thinking so that I also may boast a little something. ¹⁷ What I am speaking I'm not speaking according to the Lord, but as in thoughtlessness, in this essence of boasting. ¹⁸ Since many are boasting according to the flesh, I also will boast. ¹⁹ For you are pleasurably putting up with the non-thinking, being prudent. ²⁰ For you are putting up with him if someone enslaves you, if someone is devouring you, if someone is taking, if someone lifts himself up, if someone is thrashing you in the face. ²¹ To our dishonor, I am saying that we were weak! But in whatever anyone might be daring (I'm speaking in thoughtlessness.), I also am daring.

²² Are they Hebrews? I also. Are they Israelites? I also. Are they seed of Abraham? I also. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? – I am speaking as insane – I above that: in toils more abundant, in strokes excessive, in imprisonments more abundant, in deaths often. ²⁴ Under the Jews five times I received forty minus one. ²⁵ Thrice I was beaten with a rod, once I was stoned, thrice I was shipwrecked, I have done a night and a day in the deep; ²⁶ in wayfarings often, in dangers of rivers, dangers of robbers, dangers from kindred, dangers from nations, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brethren, ²⁷ in toil and labor, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. ²⁸ Without mentioning the things besides, my daily disturbance: the worry for all the assemblies. ²⁹ Who is being weak and I am not being weak? Who is trapped and I am not burning? ³⁰ If it is necessary to be boasting, I will boast the things of my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ Who is blessed into the ages has known that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus, the ethnarch of Aretas the king, was guarding the city of Damascus, desiring to arrest me, ³³ and I was let down through a window in a basket through the wall, and I escaped his hands.

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¹ To be boasting indeed isn't profitable for me. For I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I have known a man in Christ fourteen years ago – whether in body I haven't known or outside the body I haven't known, God has known – such a one being snatched up until the third heaven. ³ And I have known such a man – whether in body or outside the body, I haven't known, God has known – ⁴ that he was snatched up into the Paradise and heard unutterable words which aren't permissible for a man to speak. ⁵ Over thus such I will boast, but over myself I won't boast; except in my weaknesses. ⁶ For if I might desire to boast, I won't be non-thinking, for I will speak truth. But I am sparing you, lest anyone consider me to be above what he is seeing in me or hearing something from me.

⁷ And in the excessiveness of the revelations, so that I might not be exalting myself, a spike in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan so that it might be beating me, so that I might not be exalting myself. ⁸ I entreated the Lord three times over this so that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." With pleasure therefore, I will rather boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of the Christ might tabernacle upon me.

¹⁰ Therefore I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in needs, in persecutions, in restrictions for Christ. For whenever I am being weak, then I am being powerful.

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¹¹ I have become non-thinking in boasting; you compelled me. For I ought to be recommended by you; for I lack nothing of the superlatively distinguished apostles, even if I am nothing. ¹² The signs of the apostle were produced among you in all endurance, in signs and wonders and powers. ¹³ For what is it in which you were inferior above the rest of the assemblies, except that I myself didn't burden you? Forgive me this injustice! ¹⁴ Behold, I am ready to come to you a third time, and I won't burden you. For I'm not seeking your things, but you. For the children ought not to be storing up for the parents, but the parents for the children. ¹⁵ But with pleasure I will spend and be thoroughly spent for your souls, even if being more abundantly devoted to you, I am receiving less devotion. ¹⁶ But let it be that way! I didn't weigh you down. But being crafty, I took you with deceit! ¹⁷ By anyone whom I have sent to you, by him I didn't violate you. ¹⁸ I encouraged Titus and sent with him the brother. Titus didn't violate you. Didn't we walk in the same spirit. Wasn't it in the same footsteps? ¹⁹ Are you again thinking that we are defending ourselves to you? We are speaking in Christ before God. But all things, beloved, we do for your upbuilding. ²⁰ For I am fearing, lest perhaps, having come, I might not find you such as I am desiring, and I may not be found by you such as you are desiring, lest perhaps there be strifes, jealousies, angers, selfish ambitions, malignings, whisperings, inflations, disruptions; ²¹ lest having come again, my God may humble me with you, and I may grieve for many of those having previously sinned and not having changed their minds about the impurity and fornication and licentiousness which they practiced.

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¹ This third time I am coming to you. Upon the mouth of two witnesses and three will every word be made to stand. ² I have previously said and I am saying ahead of time, as being present the second time and being absent now, I am writing to those having previously sinned and to all the rest, that if I come again I won't spare, ³ since you are seeking a proof of the Christ speaking in me, Who isn't weak toward you, but powerful in you. ⁴ For even if He was crucified from weakness, yet He is living from the power of God. For we also are being weak in Him, yet we will live with Him from the power of God toward you. ⁵ Be examining yourselves, whether you are in the faith. Be testing yourselves. Or aren't you yourselves recognizing that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless you are disapproved. ⁶ But I am expecting that you will know that we are not disapproved.

⁷ Now I pray to God for you to do nothing bad, not so that we might appear approved, but so that you might be doing the good, though we might be as disapproved. ⁸ For we aren't able in anything against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹ For we are rejoicing whenever we might be weak but you are powerful. But this also we are praying for: your adjustment. ¹⁰ Because of this I am writing these things being absent, so that, being present, I might not act cuttingly, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for upbuilding and not for demolition.

¹¹ For the rest, brethren, rejoice. Be adjusted. Be encouraging. Be thinking the same. Be at peace, and the God of the devotion and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³ All the holy ones are greeting you.

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¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the devotion of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are with you all. Amen