

## *The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the* **CORINTHIANS**

### **2 Corinthians 1**

3 *The apostle encourages them against troubles, by the comforts which God had given him.*

15 *He excuses his not coming to them.*

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, to the assembly of God being in Corinth, with all the saints being in all Achaia,

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

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

4 *the One* comforting us on all our affliction, for us to be able to comfort the *ones* in every affliction, through the comfort by which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 Because *even as* the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

6 But if we are troubled, *it is* for your comfort and salvation, being worked out in *the* endurance of the same sufferings which we also suffer. If we are comforted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation;

7 ¶ and our hope for you *is* firm, knowing that even as you are sharers of the sufferings, so also of the comfort.

8 For, brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant as to our affliction having happened to us in Asia, that we were beyond measure burdened beyond *our* power, so as for us even to despair of living.

9 But we ourselves have the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust on ourselves, but on God, the *One* raising the dead,

10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver; in whom we have hope that He will still deliver *us*,

11 you also laboring together for us in prayer, that the gracious gift by many per-

sons be *the cause* of thanksgiving through many for us.

12 ¶ For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we had our conduct in the world in simplicity and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, and especially toward you.

13 For we do not write other things to you than what you read or even recognize; and I hope that you will recognize even to *the* end,

14 even as you also *in* part recognized us, that we are your glorying, even as also you *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

15 ¶ And in this confidence, I purposed to come to you before now, 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 set forward by you to Judea.

17 Therefore purposing this, did I indeed use lightness? Or what I purposed, did I purpose according to flesh, that *it* may be with me yes, yes, and no, no?

18 But God *is* faithful, that our word to you did not become yes and no.

19 For Jesus Christ the Son of God, the *One* proclaimed among you by us, through me and Silvanus and Timothy, did not become Yes and No, but has been Yes in Him.

20 For as many promises as *are* of God, in Him *they are* Yes, and in Him *are* Amen, for glory to God through us.

21 But He confirming us and anointing us together with you in Christ *is* God,

22 even He having sealed us, and having given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 And I call God *as* witness to my soul that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

24 Not that we rule over your faith, but we are fellow-workers of your joy. For by faith you stand.

### 2 Corinthians 2

1 He shows why he did not come to them, 6 he tells them to forgive that excommunicated person, 10 even as he himself also had forgiven him.

1 ¶ But I decided this within myself, not to come to you again in grief.

2 For if I grieve you, who yet will be making me glad, if not the *one* being grieved by me?

3 And I wrote this same thing to you, lest coming I might have grief from *those* of whom I ought to rejoice, trusting in you all that my joy is *the joy* of all of you.

4 For out of much affliction and distress of heart I wrote to you, through many tears, not that you be grieved, but that you know the love which I have especially toward you.

5- ¶ But if anyone has grieved, he has not grieved me, but from *in* part, that I not burden all of you.

6 This punishment by the majority *is* enough for such a one.

7 So that on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort such a one, that *he* not be swallowed up *by* the excessive grief.

8 So I beseech you to confirm *your* love to him.

9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, if you are obedient in all things.

10 But to whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For also if I have forgiven anything, of whom I have forgiven *it*, *it is* for you, in Christ's person,

11 so that we should not be deceitfully coveted by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his designs.

12 ¶ And coming to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and a door having been opened to me in *the* Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit at my not finding my brother Titus, but taking leave of them, I went out to Macedonia.

14 But thanks *be* to God, the *One* always leading us in triumph in Christ, and *the One* revealing through us the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.

15 For we are a sweet smell to God because of Christ in the *ones* being saved, and in the *ones* being lost;

16 to the *ones*, an odor of death unto death, and to the *ones*, an odor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as the many, peddling the Word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God. We speak in Christ before God.

### 2 Corinthians 3

Lest their false teachers should charge him with vainglory, he shows the faith and graces of the Corinthians to be a sufficient commendation of his ministry.

1 ¶ Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we, as some, need commendatory letters to you, or commendatory *ones* from you?

2 You are our letter, having been inscribed in our hearts, being known and being read by all men,

3 *it* being made known that you are Christ's letter, ministered by us, not having been inscribed by ink, but by *the* Spirit of *the* living God, not in tablets of stone, but in fleshly tablets of *the* heart.

4 And we have such confidence through Christ toward God;

5 not that we are sufficient of ourselves to reason out anything as *being* out of ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* of God,

6 ¶ who also made us able ministers of a new covenant, not of letter, but of Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive.

7 But if the ministry of death having been engraved in letters in stone came to be in glory, so as *that* the sons of Israel could not gaze into "the face of Moses" because of the glory of his face, which was to be caused to cease,

8 how much rather the ministry of the Spirit will be in glory!

9 For if the ministry of condemnation *was* in glory, much rather the ministry of righteousness abounds in glory.

10 For even not has been made glorious the *thing* having been made glorious in this part, because of the surpassing glory.

11 For if the thing done away *was* through glory, much rather the *thing* remaining *is* in glory.

12 ¶ Therefore having such hope, we use much boldness.

13 And not as “Moses put a veil over his face,” for the sons of Israel not to look intently at the end of the *thing* being done away. *Ex. 34:35*

14 But their thoughts were hardened, for until this very day the same veil remains on the reading of the Old Covenant, not being unveiled, that it is being done away in Christ.

15 But until this very day, when Moses is being read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 But whenever it shall have turned to *the* Lord, the veil is taken away. *Ex. 34:34*

17 And the Lord *is* the Spirit; and where the Spirit of *the* Lord *is*, there *is* freedom.

18 But we all with *our* face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of *the* Lord in a mirror, are being transformed *into* the same image from glory to glory, as from *the* Lord Spirit.

## 2 Corinthians 4

*He declares how he has used all sincerity and faithful diligence in preaching the gospel.*

1 ¶ Because of this, having this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we do not fail *in heart*.

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor corrupting the Word of God, but *by* the revelation of the truth commending ourselves to every conscience of men before God.

3 But if even our gospel is being hidden, it has been hidden in the *ones* perishing,

4 in whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the faithless *ones*, *so that* the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, *should* not shine on them.

5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves your slaves for the sake of Jesus.

6 Because *it is* God who said, “Out of darkness Light shall shine,” the *One* who shone in our hearts to *give the* illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *Isa. 42:6, 7, 16*

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the excellence of the power may be of God, and not from us;

8 ¶ in every *way* being pressed, but not being constricted; being perplexed, but not utterly despairing;

9 being persecuted, but not being forsaken; being thrown down, but not perishing;

10 alway bearing about the dying of the Lord Jesus in the body, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body.

11 For we, the *ones* living, are always being given over to death on account of Jesus, that also the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh;

12 so that death indeed works in us, and life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to the *thing* having been written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, *LXX-Psa. 115:1; MT-Psa. 116:10*

14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

15 For all things *are* for you, that the grace, superabounding through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not fail *in heart*, but if indeed our outward man is being consumed, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

17 For the lightness of our present affliction works out for us an eternal weight of glory, surpassing *moment* by surpassing *moment*;

18 we not looking at the things being seen, but the things not being seen; for the things being seen *are* not lasting, but the things not being seen *are* everlasting.

## 2 Corinthians 5

*1 That in his assured hope of immortal glory 9 he labors to keep a good conscience 18 and by his ministry to reconcile others also in Christ to God.*

1 ¶ For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle is taken down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in Heaven.

2 For also in this we groan, greatly desiring to be clothed with our dwelling place out of Heaven,

3 if indeed *in* being clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed, being in the tabernacle, we groan, having been weighted down, inas-

much as we do not wish to put off *the body*, but *the spiritual* to be put on, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life.

5 And the *One* having worked in us for this same thing *is* God, who also *is* giving us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore always being fully confident, and knowing that being at home in the body we are away from home from the Lord

7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight),  
8 even we are fully confident, and think it good rather to go away from home out of the body, and to come home to the Lord.

9 Therefore we also are striving to be pleasing to Him, whether being at home, or being away from home.

10 For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each *one* may receive the things *done* through the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.

11 Therefore knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, and we have been made known to God; and I also hope to have been known in your consciences.

12 ¶ For we do not again commend ourselves to you, but are giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that you may have *it* toward the *ones* boasting before the face and not in heart.

13 For if we were out of *our* mind, *it was* to God; if *we are* clear-minded, *it is* for you.

14 For the love of Christ constrains us, judging this, that if One died for all, then the all died;

15 and He died for all, that the living *ones* may live no more to themselves, but to the *One* dying *for* them and having been raised.

16 ¶ So as we now know no one according to flesh, but even if we have known Christ according to flesh, yet now we no longer know *Him so*.

17 So then if anyone *is* in Christ, *that one* is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have come to be new!

18 And all things *are* from God, the *One* having reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and having given to us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 as, that God was in Christ reconciling *the* world to Himself, not charging their

deviations to them, and putting the Word of reconciliation in us.

20 Then on behalf of Christ, we are ambassadors, as God *is* exhorting through us, we beseech on behalf of Christ, Be reconciled to God.

21 For He made the *One* who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become *the* righteousness of God in Him.

## 2 Corinthians 6

*1 He has approved himself a faithful minister of Christ, by his exhortations, 3 and by integrity of life, 4 and by patiently enduring all kinds of affliction for the gospel.*

1 ¶ But working together, we also call on you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 For He says, "In an acceptable time I heard you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now *is* the acceptable time! Behold, now *is* the day of salvation! *Isa.* 49:8

3 We are not giving a cause of stumbling, not that the ministry may not be blamed,

4 but in everything commending ourselves as God's servants, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in sleepless *nights*, in fastings,

6 in pureness, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love,

7 in *the* Word of truth, in *the* power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right *hand* and on *the* left,

8 through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true;

9 as being unknown, and *yet* being well known, as dying, and *yet*, look, we live; as scourged, and *yet* not put to death;

10 as being grieved, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

11 ¶ Our mouth is opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been enlarged.

12 You are not constricted in us, but you are constricted in your *own* bowels.

13 But for the same reward, I speak as to children, you also be enlarged.

14 Do not be unequally yoked *with* faithless *ones*. For what partnership does righ-

teousness *have* with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light *have* with darkness?

15 And what agreement does Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believing *one have* with a faithless *one*?

16 And what agreement does a temple of God *have* with idols? For you are a temple of *the* living God, even as God said, “I will” dwell in them and “walk among *them*, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” *Lev. 26:12; Ezek. 37:27*

17 Because of this, “come out from among them” “and be separated,” says *the* Lord, “and do not touch *the* unclean *thing*,” and I will receive you. *Isa. 52:11*

18 “And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons” and daughters to Me, says *the* Lord Almighty. *2 Sam. 7:8, 14; Isa. 43:6*

## 2 Corinthians 7

*1 He exhorts them to purity of life, 5 and declares what comfort he took in his afflictions.*

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

2 Make room for us. We wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we deceitfully coveted no one.

3 I do not speak to condemnation, for I have said before that you are in our hearts, for dying together and living together.

4 My boldness toward you *is* great. My boasting on your behalf *is* much. I have been filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy on all our affliction.

5 ¶ For, indeed, we coming into Macedonia, *in* our flesh no one had rest, but being troubled in every way, *with* fightings *on the* outside and fears *on the* inside.

6 But the *One* comforting the lowly comforted us by the coming of Titus.

7 And not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was encouraged over you, relating to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal on my behalf, so as for me to rejoice more.

8 For even if I grieved you in the letter, I do not regret, if indeed I did regret, for I see that letter grieved you for an hour.

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to repentance. For you were grieved according to God, that you might suffer loss in nothing by us.

10 For the grief according to God works repentance to salvation without regret. But the grief of the world works death.

11 For behold this very same thing, you being grieved according to God, how much it fully worked earnestness in you, but *also* defense, but *also* indignation, but *also* fear, but *also* desire, but *also* zeal, but *also* vengeance! In everything you commended yourselves to be clear in the matter.

12 ¶ Then even if I wrote to you, *it was* not for the sake of the *one* doing wrong, nor for the sake of the *one* being wronged, but for the sake of revealing our earnestness on your behalf, for you before God.

13 Because of this we have been comforted over your comfort, and we rather rejoice more abundantly over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

14 Because if I have boasted anything to him about you, I was not ashamed. But as we spoke all things in truth to you, so also our boasting as to Titus became truth.

15 And his bowels are far greater toward you, remembering the obedience of all of you, as you received him with fear and trembling.

16 Therefore, I rejoice, that in everything I am fully assured in you.

## 2 Corinthians 8

*He stirs them up to a liberal contribution for the poor saints at Jerusalem.*

1 ¶ But, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given among the assemblies of Macedonia,

2 that in much testing of trouble, the overflowing of their joy and the depth of their poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity.

3 Because I testify *that* according to *their* ability and beyond *their* ability, of *their* own accord.

4 with much appeal begging us *to* receive of us the grace and the fellowship of the ministry to the saints.



5 And not as we hoped, but *they* gave themselves to the Lord firstly, and to us through *the* will of God,

6 for us to call on Titus, that even as he began before, so also he might complete this grace to you also.

7 ¶ But even as you abound in everything, in faith, and in word, and in knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in your love in us, that you also should abound in this grace.

8 I do not speak according to command, but through the diligence of others and testing the trueness of your love.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich by the poverty of that One.

10 And I give judgment in this, for this is profitable for you, who began before not only to do, but also to be willing from last year.

11 But now also finish the doing *of it*, so that even as *there was* the readiness in the willing, so also the finishing, *giving* out of *what you have*.

12 For if the readiness is present, *it is* acceptable according to *what* one has, not according to *what* one does not have.

13 For *it is* not that *there may be* ease to others, but affliction *to you*;

14 but by equality in the time now, your abundance for the need of those; but also that the abundance of those may be for your need, that there may be equality;

15 even as it is written, “He *gathering* much, he had nothing left over, and he *gathering* little did not lack.” *Ex. 16:18*

16 ¶ But thanks *be* to God, who gives the same earnestness for you in the heart of Titus.

17 For truly he received the appeal, but being more earnest, he went out to you of his own accord.

18 But we sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the assemblies,

19 and not only *so*, but also he having been chosen by the assemblies *as* a traveling companion to us with this gift being ministered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself, and your eagerness,

20 avoiding this, lest anyone should blame us in this bounty being ministered by us;

21 providing right things not only before *the* Lord, but also before men. *Prov. 3:4*

22 And we sent with them our brother whom we often proved in many things to be earnest, and now much more earnest by the great confidence which *I have* toward you.

23 If *any asks* about Titus, *he is* my partner and a fellow worker for you; or *about* our brothers, *they are* messengers of the assemblies, *the* glory of Christ.

24 Then show them a proof of your love and of our boastings on your behalf, even in the face of the assemblies.

## **2 Corinthians 9**

*1 He yields the reason why he sent Titus and his brethren beforehand, 6 and stirs them up to a bountiful alms.*

1 ¶ For indeed concerning the ministry to the saints, it is beyond necessity for me to write to you.

2 For I know your eagerness, of which I boast to Macedonia on your behalf, that Achaia has made ready from last year, and your zeal arouses the greater number.

3 But I sent the brothers that our boasting which *is* on your behalf should not be made void in this respect, even as I said, you were being ready;

4 lest perhaps if Macedonians come with me and find you not ready, that we (we do not say you) should be ashamed in this assurance of boasting.

5 Therefore, I thought *it* necessary to exhort the brothers, that they go forward to you and arrange beforehand your promised blessing, this to be ready, thus as a blessing and not as by greediness.

6 ¶ And this: the *one* sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the *one* sowing on *hope of* blessings will also reap *of* blessings.

7 Each *one* as he purposes in his heart, not out of grief or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. *Prov. 22:8*

8 And God *is* able to make all grace to abound toward you, that in *everything*, always having all self sufficiency, you may abound to every good work;

9 even as it is written, “He scattered, he gave to the poor, his righteousness abides forever.” *Psa. 112:9*

10 Now He that supplies seed to the sower and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

11 in everything *you* being enriched to all simplicity, which works out thanksgiving to God through us.

12 Because the ministry of this service is not only completely filling up the things lacking of the saints, but also multiplying through many thanksgivings to God,

13 through the proof of this ministry, *they* glorifying God by your subjection to the gospel of Christ, and the simplicity of the fellowship toward them and toward all;

14 and with their petition for you, a longing after you, because of the overflowing grace of God on you.

15 But thanks *be* to God for His unspeakable gift.

## 2 Corinthians 10

*1 He sets out the spiritual might and authority, with which he is armed against all adversary powers, 7 assuring them that at his coming he will be found as mighty in word, as he is now in writing.*

1 ¶ And I myself, Paul, call on you through the meekness and gentleness of Christ I, who indeed according to face am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you;

2 but I ask, not being present, that I may be bold with the confidence which I think to be bold against some, the *ones* reckoning us as walking according to flesh.

3 For walking about in flesh, we do not war according to flesh;

4 for the weapons of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful to God to the demolition of strongholds,

5 demolishing reasonings and every high thing lifting up *itself* against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ,

6 and having readiness to avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience is fulfilled.

7 ¶ Do you look at things according to face? If anyone has persuaded himself to

be of Christ, let him think this again as to himself, that as he *is* of Christ, so also we *are* of Christ.

8 For even if I also somewhat more abundantly may boast about our authority, which the Lord gave us for building up and not for your destruction, I will not be put to shame,

9 so that I may not seem to terrify you by letters.

10 Because, they say, the letters *are* weighty and strong, but the bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech being despised.

11 Let such a one think this, that such as we *are* in word through letters, being absent, such *we are* also being present in deed.

12 ¶ For we dare not rank or compare ourselves with some of those commending themselves, but they measuring themselves among themselves and comparing themselves to themselves, *are* not perceptive.

13 But we will not boast beyond measure, but according to measure of the rule which the God of measure distributed to us, to reach even as far as to you.

14 For we do not overstretch ourselves as *if* not reaching to you, for even as far as to you we came to you in the gospel of Christ,

15 not boasting beyond measure in the labors of others, but having hope that the growing faith among you will be made larger according to our rule, to overflowing,

16 in order to preach the gospel *to* the *regions* beyond you, not to glory in another's rule in things *made* ready.

17 “But the *one* glorying, let him glory in” *the* “Lord.” *Jer. 9:24*

18 For not the *one* commending himself is the one approved, but *the one* whom the Lord commends.

## 2 Corinthians 11

*Out of his jealousy over the Corinthians, he enters into a forced commendation of himself.*

1 ¶ I would that you endured me a little *in* foolishness, but, indeed, endure me.

2 For I am jealous *over* you with a jealousy of God. For I have betrothed you to one Man, to present *you* a pure virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your thoughts should be corrupted from the simplicity *which is due* to Christ.

4 For if, indeed, the *one* coming proclaims another Jesus, whom we have not proclaimed, or *if* you receive another spirit which you have not received, or another gospel which you never accepted, you might well endure *these*.

5 ¶ For I reckon *myself* to have been inferior to the exceedingly great apostles *in* nothing.

6 But even if *I am* unskilled in speech, yet not in knowledge. But in every way *I* have been made known to you in all things.

7 Or did I commit sin, humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you freely?

8 I stripped other assemblies, taking wages for the ministry of you.

9 And being present with you and lacking, I was not a burden to anyone. The brothers coming from Macedonia completely made up for my need. And in every way I kept myself without burden *to you*, and I will keep *myself*.

10 The truth of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be silenced in me in the regions of Achaia.

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

12 But what I do, I also will do, that I may cut off the occasion of the *ones* desiring an occasion, so that in that which they boast, they be found also as we.

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

14 And *it is* not marvelous, for Satan transforms himself into an angel of light?

15 *It is* not a great thing, therefore, if also his ministers transform themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

16 ¶ Again I say, let not anyone think me to be foolish. But if not, even if as foolish, receive me, that I also may boast a little.

17 What I speak, I speak not according to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this boldness of boasting.

18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.

19 For you gladly endure the foolish *ones*, *you* being wise.

20 For you endure if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours *you*, if anyone takes away *from you*, if anyone exalts *self*, if anyone beats you in the face.

21 I speak according to dishonor, as if we have been weak. But in whatever anyone dares (I say it in foolishness), I also dare.

22 ¶ Are they Hebrews? I also. Are they Israelites? I also. Are they Abraham's seed? I also.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as beside myself) *I being* beyond *them*: in labors, more abundantly; in stripes, beyond measure; in prisons, much more; in deaths, many times.

24 Five times I received forty *stripes* minus one from the Jews.

25 I was beaten with a rod three times; I was stoned once; I was shipwrecked three times; I have *spent* a night and a day in the deep.

26 *I have been* in travels many times, in dangers of rivers, in dangers of robbers, in dangers from *my* race, in dangers from *the* nations, in dangers in *the* city, in dangers in a wild place, in dangers in *the* sea, in dangers among false brothers,

27 in hardship and toil, in sleepless *nights* many times, in hunger and thirst, in fastings many times, in cold and nakedness.

28 In addition to the *things* besides, the conspiratorial gathering against me according to a day, the care of all the assemblies.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn?

30 If it is right to boast, I will boast *of the* things of my infirmity.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knows, the *One* being blessed to the ages, that I am not lying.

32 In Damascus the ethnarch *under* Aretas the king guarded the city of *the* Damascenes, desiring to seize me.

33 And I was let down through a window through the wall in a basket and escaped their hands.



## 2 Corinthians 12

*1 For commending of his apostleship, though he might glory of his wonderful revelations, 9 yet he rather chooses to glory of his infirmities, 11 blaming them for forcing him to vain boasting.*

1 ¶ Really, to boast *is* not profitable to me, for I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord.

2 I know a man in Christ fourteen years before—whether in *the* body, I do not know, or out of *the* body, I do not know, God knows—such a one *was* caught up to *the* third Heaven.

3 And I know such a man—whether in *the* body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—

4 that he was caught up into Paradise and heard unspeakable words which a man is not permitted to speak.

5 On behalf of such a one I will boast. But I will not boast on my behalf, if not in my weaknesses.

6 For if I desire to boast, I will not be foolish, for I speak the truth. But I spare, lest anyone considers me *to be* beyond what he sees me or hears anything from me.

7 And *by* the pre-eminence of the revelations, that I not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not exalt myself.

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times, that it depart from me.

9 And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Therefore, I will rather gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ might dwell on me.

10 Therefore I am pleased in weaknesses, in insults, in calamities, in persecutions, in distresses, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I may be weak, then I am powerful.

11 ¶ Boasting, I have become foolish. You compelled me. For I ought to be commended by you, for I lacked nothing of the exceedingly great apostles, even though I am nothing.

12 Truly the signs of the apostle were fully worked among you in all patience, in *mi-*

*raculous* signs, and in wonders, and by works of power.

13 For what is it in which you were less than the rest of the assemblies, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, I am ready to come to you a third *time*. And I will not burden you, for I do not seek your things, but you. For the children ought not to lay up treasure for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 But I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent for your souls, even if loving you more and more, I am loved *the* less.

16 But let it be so, I did not burden you; but being crafty, I took you with bait.

17 By any whom I have sent to you, did I take advantage of you by him?

18 I begged Titus and sent the brother with *him*. Did Titus deceitfully covet you? *Did we* not walk in the same spirit? *Did we* not walk in the same steps?

19 Again, do you think we are defending *ourselves* to you? We speak before God in Christ, but in all things for your building up, beloved.

20 For I fear lest somehow, coming, I not find you as I wish, and I be found by you such as you do not wish; lest somehow *there be* strifes, envyings, angers, intrigues, evil speakings, slanders, puffings up, disturbances;

21 that *it not be, in* my having come again, my God may humble me with you, and I shall mourn many of the *ones* sinning before and not having repented over the uncleanness and fornication and lustfulness which they have practiced.

## 2 Corinthians 13

*He threatens severity, and the power of his apostleship against obstinate sinners.*

1 ¶ I am coming to you this third *time*. “In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.” *Deut. 19:15*

2 I said before, and I say beforehand, as being present the second *time* and being absent now, I write to the *ones* having sinned before, and all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare,

3 since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but is powerful in you,

4 (for even if He was crucified out of weakness, yet He lives by *the* power of God). For even also we are weak in Him, yet we shall live by *the* power of God toward you.

5 Test yourselves, whether you are in the faith; examine yourselves. Or do you not yourselves perceive that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are disapproved?

6 And I hope you will know that we are not disapproved.

7 ¶ But I pray to God *for* you not to do the evil, none; not that we may appear *to be* approved, but that you may do the good, and we may be disapproved.

8 For we cannot have any power against the truth, but on behalf of the truth.

9 For we rejoice when we are weak and you are powerful. But we pray for this also, your perfection.

10 Because of this, I write these things while absent, that being present I may not deal severely *with you* according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for destruction.

11 ¶ For the rest, brothers, rejoice! Perfect yourselves; encourage yourselves, think the same thing, be at peace; and the God of love and of peace will be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints greet you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.