

SECOND CORINTHIANS

- A. ^{1:1}Paul, *an* apostle of Christ Jesus by *the* will of God, and Timothy *our* brother
B. *To* the church of God being in Corinth, together-with all the saints being in all Achaia
C. ²Grace *to* you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ
- 1A. ³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassions and God of all comfort, ⁴the *One* comforting us concerning all our affliction so that we *might* be able to comfort the *ones* in every affliction with the comfort *by* which we ourselves are being comforted by God
- 1B. ⁵Because just as the sufferings of Christ are abounding in us, so our comfort also is abounding through Christ
- 1C. ⁶And if we are being afflicted— *it is* for the sake of your comfort and salvation
2C. If we are being comforted— *it is* for the sake of your comfort, the *comfort* being at-work in *your* endurance of the same sufferings which **we** also are suffering
- 1D. ⁷And our hope for you *is* firm, knowing that as you are sharers of the sufferings, so also of the comfort
- 2B. ⁸For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, with-reference-to our affliction having taken place in Asia, that we were burdened extremely beyond *our* power, so that we despaired even of living
- 1C. ⁹But **we** had the sentence of death in ourselves in order that we should not be trusting in ourselves, but in God, the *One* raising the dead
- 1D. ¹⁰Who delivered us from so great a death, and will deliver *us*
2D. In Whom we have put *our* hope that He will indeed still deliver *us*— ¹¹you also joining-in-helping in *your* prayer for us—
- 1E. In-order-that thanks might be given on our behalf by many faces *as to* the gift *granted* to us through many *prayers*
- 2A. ¹²For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted-*ourselves* in the world, and especially toward you, in simplicity and purity *from* God; and not in fleshly wisdom, but in *the* grace of God
- 1B. ¹³For we are writing no other *things* to you other than *the things* which you read or indeed understand
2B. And I hope that you will understand until *the* end— ¹⁴just as you also did understand us in part— that we are your boast, even as you also *are* ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus
- 3B. ¹⁵And *in* this confidence, I was intending first to come to you in order that you might have a second benefit, ¹⁶and to go through you to Macedonia, and from Macedonia to come again to you, and to be sent-forward by you to Judea
4B. ¹⁷Therefore, while intending this, I did not then act *with* lightness, *did I*? Or do I plan *the things* which I plan according-to *the* flesh— so that there is with me the yes, yes, and the no, no?
- 1C. ¹⁸But *as* God *is* faithful, our message to you is not yes and no
- 1D. ¹⁹For God's Son Jesus Christ, the *One* having been proclaimed among you by us— by me and Silvanus and Timothy— did not become yes and no, but has become yes in Him
- 1E. ²⁰For as many as *there are* promises of God, in Him *is* the yes!
2E. Therefore also through Him *is* [spoken] the amen *to* God for *His* glory, through us
- 2C. ²¹And the *One* establishing us with you for Christ and having anointed us *is* God— ²²the *One* also having sealed us and given the pledge of the Spirit in our hearts
3C. ²³And I call-upon God *as* witness for my soul that sparing you I no longer came to Corinth— ²⁴not that we are lording-over your faith, but we are fellow-workers of your joy. For you stand *in your* faith
- 1D. ^{2:1}For I determined this *for* myself: not to come to you again in grief
- 1E. ²For if I grieve you, who indeed *is* the *one* cheering me except the *one* being grieved by me?
- 2D. ³And I wrote this very *thing* in order that having come, I should not have grief from *the ones* of whom I ought-to-have rejoicing— having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all
- 1E. ⁴For I wrote *to* you through many tears, out of much affliction and anguish of heart— not that you might be grieved, but that you might know **the love** which I have especially for you

1F. ⁵But if anyone has caused-grief, he has grieved not me, but in part (that I not be a burden), you all
2F. ⁶This punishment by the majority *is* sufficient for such a one

1G. ⁷So that on-the-contrary, instead you *should* forgive and comfort *him*, that such a one should not somehow be swallowed-up *by* more grief

2G. ⁸Therefore I urge you to confirm *your* love for him

2E. ⁹For I also wrote for this *purpose*: that I might know your approvedness, whether you are obedient in all *things*

1F. ¹⁰And *to* whom you are forgiving anything, I also

1G. For indeed what **I** have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *is* for your sakes in *the* presence of Christ, ¹¹in order that we may not be exploited by Satan. For we are not unaware *as to* his schemes

5B. ¹²Now having come to Troas for the good-news of Christ, and a door having been opened *for* me by *the* Lord, ¹³I had no rest *in* my spirit *at* my not finding Titus my brother. But having said-goodbye *to* them, I went forth to Macedonia

6B. ¹⁴But thanks *be to* God, the *One* always leading us in triumph in Christ, and making the aroma of the knowledge of Him known through us in every place

1C. ¹⁵Because we are *the* fragrance of Christ for God among the *ones* being saved, and among the *ones* perishing—¹⁶**to the ones** an aroma from death to death, but *to* the others an aroma from life to life. And who *is* sufficient for these *things*?

2C. ¹⁷For we are not like the many peddling the word of God. But as from purity, but as from God, we are speaking in Christ before God

3C. ^{3:1}Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or we do not have-need of letters of recommendation to you or from you, like some, *do we*? ²**You** are our letter—

1D. *It* having been inscribed in our hearts

2D. *It* being known and being read by all people

3D. ³*You* being made-known that you are a letter *from* Christ

1E. Having been served by us

2E. Having been inscribed

1F. Not *with* ink but *with the* Spirit of the living God

2F. Not in tablets made-of-stone but in tablets *which are* hearts made-of-flesh

4C. ⁴And we have such a confidence through Christ toward God

1D. ⁵Not that we are sufficient from ourselves to count anything as out of ourselves

2D. But our sufficiency *is* from God, ⁶Who indeed made us sufficient *as* ministers of a new covenant— not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives-life

3D. ⁷And if the ministry of death having been engraved in letters on stones came in glory (so that the sons of Israel could not look-intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face— the *glory* passing-away), ⁸how shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory!

1E. ⁹For if *in* the ministry of condemnation *there was* glory, *by* much more the ministry of righteousness is abounding *in* glory

1F. ¹⁰For indeed the [ministry of the letter] having been glorified has not been glorified in this respect— because of the surpassing glory!

2E. ¹¹For if the [ministry of the letter] passing-away *was* with glory, *by* much more the [ministry of the Spirit] remaining *is* in glory

4D. ¹²Therefore, having such a hope, we are using great boldness, ¹³and *are* not like Moses

1E. He was putting a veil on his face so that the sons of Israel *might* not look-intently at the end of the [face of glory] passing-away

1F. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened, for until this very day the same veil remains on the reading of the old covenant— *it* not being unveiled because it passes-away in Christ

2F. ¹⁵Indeed, until today whenever Moses is being read, a veil lies on their heart

3F. ¹⁶But whenever it turns to *the* Lord, the veil is taken-away

1G. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, *there is* freedom!

- 2E. ¹⁸But **we** all *with a* face having been unveiled, while reflecting the glory *of the* Lord as a mirror, are being transformed *into* the same image from glory to glory, just-as from *the* Lord, *the* Spirit
- 5C. ^{4:1}For this reason, having this ministry even-as we received-mercy, we do not lose-heart
- 1D. ²But we renounced the hidden *things of* shame
- 1E. Not walking in craftiness, nor handling-deceitfully the word *of* God
- 2E. But *by* the open-disclosure *of* the truth, commending ourselves to every conscience *of* mankind in the sight of God
- 3E. ³And if indeed our good-news is veiled, it is veiled in the *ones* perishing
- 1F. ⁴In whose case the god *of* this age blinded the minds *of* the unbelievers so that *they might* not see the illumination *of* the good-news *of* the glory *of* Christ— Who is *the* image *of* God
- 4E. ⁵For we are not proclaiming ourselves, but Jesus Christ *as* Lord, and ourselves *as* your slaves for the sake of Jesus
- 1F. ⁶Because God, the *One* having said “Light will shine out of darkness”, *is* He Who shined in our hearts for *the* illumination *of* the knowledge *of* the glory *of* God in *the* face *of* Jesus Christ
- 2D. ⁷But we have this treasure in vessels made-of-clay, in order that the excess *of* the power may be God’s and not from us
- 1E. ⁸In every way
- 1F. Being afflicted, but not restrained
- 2F. Being perplexed, but not utterly-perplexed
- 3F. ⁹Being persecuted, but not forsaken
- 4F. Being struck down, but not perishing
- 2E. ¹⁰At-all-times carrying-around in *our* body the dying *of* Jesus, in order that the life *of* Jesus may also be made-evident in our body
- 1F. ¹¹For **we** the *ones* living are always being handed-over to death for the sake of Jesus, in order that the life *of* Jesus may also be made-evident in our mortal flesh
- 3E. ¹²So then, death is at-work in us, but life in you
- 3D. ¹³But having the same spirit *of* faith in accordance with the *thing* having been written, “I believed, therefore I spoke” [Ps 116:10]— **we** also believe, therefore we also speak
- 1E. ¹⁴Knowing that the *One* having raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and will present *us* with you
- 1F. ¹⁵For all *things are* for your sakes— in order that grace, having increased through the more *people*, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory *of* God
- 4D. ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose-heart. But even though our outer person is being destroyed, nevertheless our inner *person* is being renewed day *in* and day *out*
- 1E. ¹⁷For the momentary lightness *of* our affliction is producing *for* us *an* eternal weight *of* glory extremely beyond measure, ¹⁸while we *are* not looking-for the *things* being seen, but the *things* not being seen
- 1F. For the *things* being seen *are* temporary, but the *things* not being seen *are* eternal
- 2E. ^{5:1}For we know that if our earthly house— *our* tent— is torn-down, we have *a* building from God, *a* house not-made-by-*human*-hands, eternal, in the heavens
- 1F. ²For indeed in this *tent* we are groaning, yearning to put-on-over *ourselves* our dwelling from heaven—
³inasmuch as we, having taken-off *this* *tent*, shall not be found naked
- 1G. ⁴For indeed we, the *ones* being in the tent, are groaning, being burdened— because we do not want to take-off *our* *earthly* *tent*, but to put on *our* *heavenly* *dwelling* over *it*, in order that the mortal may be swallowed-up by the life

- 2F. ⁵And the *One* having made us for this very *thing is* God, the *One* having given us *His* pledge: the Spirit
- 3F. ⁶So while always being confident, and knowing that while being-at-home in the body we are away-from-home, from the Lord ⁷(for we walk by faith, not by appearance)—⁸yet we are confident and prefer rather

1G. To get-away-from-home— out of the body

2G. And to get-at-home— with the Lord

5D. ⁹Therefore we indeed are ambitious to be pleasing *to* Him— whether being at-home or being away-from-home

- 1E. ¹⁰For we all must appear before the judgment-seat *of* Christ in order that each *one* might receive-back the *things done* in the body, in-accordance-with *the things* which he practiced— whether good or bad
- 2E. ¹¹Therefore knowing the fear *of* the Lord, we are persuading people

7B. Now we have been made known *to* God. And I hope *that we* also have been made known in your consciences

- 1C. ¹²We are not again commending ourselves *to* you, but *are* giving you *an* opportunity *for a* boast about us, in order that you may have *an answer* for the *ones* boasting in appearance and not in heart
- 2C. ¹³For if we lost-*our-senses*, *it is for* God! If we are sound-minded, *it is for* you!
- 3C. ¹⁴For the love *of* Christ controls us, *we* having determined this—

1D. That One died for all, therefore all died. ¹⁵And He died for all so that the *ones* living might no longer be living *for* themselves, but *for* the *One* having died and been raised for them

1E. ¹⁶So then from now *on*, **we** regard no one based-on *the* flesh

1F. Even though we have known Christ based on *the* flesh, nevertheless now we no longer are knowing *Him thus*

2E. ¹⁷So then if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is a* new creation. The old *things* passed-away. Behold— new *things* have come-into-being

4C. ¹⁸And all *things are* from God, the *One* having reconciled us *to* Himself through Christ, and having given us the ministry *of* reconciliation:

1D. ¹⁹How that God was in Christ reconciling *the* world *to* Himself—

1E. Not counting their trespasses *against* them

2E. And having placed the message *of* reconciliation in us

5C. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, since God *is* appealing through us

1D. We are begging on behalf of Christ: “Be reconciled *to* God! ²¹He made the *One* not having known sin *to be* sin for us, in order that **we** might become *the* righteousness *of* God in Him”

1E. ^{6:1}And working-with *Him*, we also are appealing *that you* not receive the grace *of* God in vain. ²For He says [in Isa 49:8], “I heard you *at the* acceptable time. And I helped you on *the* day of salvation”. Behold— now *is the* very-acceptable time. Behold— now *is the* day of salvation

2D. ³In nothing giving **any** opportunity-for-stumbling, in order that the ministry may not be faulted

3D. ⁴But in everything, as God’s servants, commending ourselves in great endurance—

1E. In afflictions, in constraints, in distresses; ⁵in beatings, in prisons, in disturbances; in labors, in watchings, in fastings

2E. ⁶In purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness; in *a* holy spirit, in sincere love, ⁷in *the* word *of* truth, in *the* power *of* God

3E. Through the weapons *of* righteousness *for* the right *hand* and *the* left; ⁸through glory and dishonor, through evil-report and good-report

4E. As deceivers and true *ones*, ⁹as being not-known and being fully-known; as dying and behold we live, as being disciplined and not being put-to-death, ¹⁰as being grieved but always rejoicing; as poor but enriching many, as having nothing and holding-on-to all *things*

8B. ¹¹Our mouth has opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been opened-wide. ¹²You are not restrained in us, but you are restrained in your *own* deep-feelings. ¹³Now *as* the same return— I speak *as to my* children— **you** also open-wide

1C. ¹⁴Do not be *ones* being mis-yoked *to* unbelievers

- 1D. For what partnership *is there for* righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship *is there for* light with darkness?
- 2D. ¹⁵And what *is the* harmony of Christ with Beliar? Or what share *is there for a* believer with an unbeliever?
- 3D. ¹⁶And what agreement *is there for the* temple of God with idols?
- 4D. For **we** are *the temple of the* living God, just as God said [in Lev 26:12], that “I will dwell in them, and I will walk among *them*, and I will be their God, and **they** will be My people”
- 5D. ¹⁷Therefore, “Come out of their midst and be separated”, says *the* Lord, “and do not touch *an unclean thing*”

- 1E. “And I will take you in ¹⁸and be *a father to* you
- 2E. “And **you** will be sons and daughters *to me*”, says *the* Lord Almighty

6D. ^{7:1}Therefore, having **these** promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every stain *of* flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in *the fear of* God

2C. ²Make-room-for us— we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we exploited no one. ³I am not speaking for *your* condemnation

- 1D. For I have said-before that you are in our hearts so as to die-together and to live-together
- 2D. ⁴*There is* great confidence *in* me toward you
- 3D. *There is* much boasting *by* me about you

9B. I have been filled *with* comfort. I am super-abounding *with* joy in all our affliction

- 1C. ⁵For indeed we having come to Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but *we were* being afflicted in every *way*— battles outside, fears inside
- 2C. ⁶But the *One* comforting the downcast, God, comforted us by the coming *of* Titus— ⁷and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort *with* which he was comforted over you while reporting *to* us your yearning, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced more

- 1D. ⁸Because even though I grieved you by the letter, I do not regret *it*
- 2D. Even though I was regretting *it* (for I see that that letter grieved you, even though for *an* hour), ⁹now I am rejoicing— not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved into repentance

1E. For you were grieved in-accordance-with God, in order that you might suffer-loss in nothing by us

- 1F. ¹⁰For the grief in accordance with God works unregretted repentance leading-to salvation
- 2F. But the grief *of* the world produces death

- 2E. ¹¹For behold this very *thing*, the being grieved in accordance with God, how much earnestness it produced *in* you— even *a* defense, even indignation, even fear, even yearning, even zeal, even punishment. In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be pure *in* the matter
- 3E. ¹²So even though I wrote *to* you [causing grief], *it was*

- 1F. Not for the sake of the *one* having done wrong
- 2F. Nor for the sake of the *one* having been wronged
- 3F. But for the sake of making your earnestness for us evident to you in the sight of God
- 4F. ¹³For this reason, we have been comforted

3C. But in addition to our comfort, we rejoiced even more abundantly over the joy *of* Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all

- 1D. ¹⁴Because if I have boasted anything *to* him about you, I was not put-to-shame. But as we spoke all *things to* you in truth, so also our boasting before Titus proved-to-be *the* truth
- 2D. ¹⁵And his deep-feelings are especially for you, while remembering the obedience *of* you all— how you received him with fear and trembling

4C. ¹⁶I am rejoicing because in everything I am confident in you

3A. ^{8:1}Now we make known *to* you, brothers, the grace *of* God having been granted in the churches *of* Macedonia—

1B. ²That in *a* great test *of* affliction, their abundance *of* joy and their down deep poverty abounded into the riches *of* their generosity

1C. ³Because I testify *that they gave*

- 1D. In accordance with *their* ability, and beyond *their* ability
- 2D. Of-*their-own-accord*

- 3D. ⁴With a great appeal begging *from* us the favor and the partnership *in this* ministry to the saints
- 4D. ⁵And not as we hoped, but they gave **themselves** first *to* the Lord and *to* us by *the* will of God
- 2C. ⁶So that we urged Titus that just as he previously-began, so also he should complete this grace with reference to you also
- 2B. ⁷But just as you are abounding in everything— *in* faith and speech and knowledge and all earnestness, and *in* the love from us in you— *I urge* that you also be abounding in this grace
- 1C. ⁸I am not speaking by way of command, but *am* proving through the earnestness of others the genuineness of your love also
- 1D. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ— that for your sakes He became-poor while being rich, in order that **you** might become-rich *by* the poverty of that *One*
- 2C. ¹⁰And I am giving an opinion in this *matter*, for this is beneficial *for* you, who began-beforehand from last year not only the doing, but the wanting *to do*
- 3C. ¹¹But now indeed complete the doing, so that just as *was* the eagerness of the wanting, so also *may be* the completing out of *what you* have
- 1D. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, *it is* acceptable to whatever degree a *person* may have, not to-the-degree he does not have
- 2D. ¹³For *it is* not in order that *there may be* rest for others, affliction *for* you, but out of equality— ¹⁴at the present time your abundance *being* for the need of those *ones*, in order that the abundance of those *ones* also may come-to-be for your need, so that there may be equality
- 1E. ¹⁵Just as it has been written [in Ex 16:18], “The *one gathering* much did not increase, and the *one gathering* little did not have-less”
- 3B. ¹⁶Now thanks *be to* God, the *One* having given the same earnestness for you in the heart of Titus
- 1C. ¹⁷Because he welcomed **the urging**— but being more earnest, went-out to you of-*his-own-accord*!
- 2C. ¹⁸And we sent with him the brother whose praise in the good-news *is* through all the churches
- 1D. ¹⁹And not only *this*, but *who was* also appointed by the churches *to be* our fellow-traveler with this grace-gift being ministered by us
- 1E. For the glory of the Lord Himself; and *to show* our eagerness
- 2D. ²⁰Avoiding this: *that* anyone should fault us in this abundance being ministered by us
- 1E. ²¹For we are providing-for good *things* not only in the sight of *the* Lord, but also in the sight of people
- 3C. ²²And we sent with them our brother whom we often proved in many *things as* being diligent, but now *is* much more diligent *with* great confidence in you
- 4C. ²³If *any* ask about Titus— *he is* my partner and fellow-worker for you; if *as to* our brothers— *they are* delegates of the churches, a glory of Christ
- 5C. ²⁴Therefore, *be* demonstrating to them, to *the face of* the churches, the demonstration of your love and our boasting about you
- 1D. ^{9:1}For indeed, it is superfluous *for* me to write *to* you concerning *the* ministry to the saints
- 1E. ²For I know your eagerness, which I am boasting about you *to the* Macedonians— that “Achaia has been prepared [to give] since last year”. And your zeal stirred-up the majority
- 2D. ³But I sent the brothers in order that our boast about you might not be made-empty in this respect— in order that, just as I was saying, you may be prepared
- 1E. ⁴**That we** should not somehow be put-to-shame (that I not say you) in this confidence if Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared
- 2E. ⁵Therefore I regarded *it* necessary to urge the brothers that they go-ahead to you and prepare-beforehand your previously-promised blessing, *that* this *may* be ready thus as a blessing and not as greediness
- 4B. ⁶Now this *I say*: the *one* sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly. And the *one* sowing for blessings will also reap for blessings.
- ⁷Each *should give* just as he has chosen-beforehand *in his* heart— not out of grief or out of compulsion

- 1C. For God loves *a* cheerful giver
- 2C. ⁸And God is able to cause all grace to abound to you in order that in everything, always having all sufficiency, you may be abounding for every good work
- 1D. ⁹Just as it has been written [in Ps 112:9], “He scattered, he gave *to* the needy *ones*, his righteousness remains forever”
- 3C. ¹⁰And the *One* supplying seed *to* the *one* sowing, and bread for eating, will supply and multiply your seed, and will grow the fruits *of* your righteousness. ¹¹In everything *you will* be enriched for all generosity—
- 1D. Which through us is *going to* produce thanksgiving *to* God, ¹²because the ministry *of* this service is not only *going to be* filling-up the needs *of* the saints, but also abounding through many thanksgivings *to* God!
- 1E. ¹³Through the approvedness *of* this ministry, *they will be* glorifying God for the obedience *of* your confession to the good-news *of* Christ, and *the* generosity *of* the contribution for them and for all
- 1F. ¹⁴While they also *are* yearning-for you *in* prayer for you, because of the surpassing grace *of* God upon you
- 5B. ¹⁵Thanks *be to* God for His indescribable gift
- 4A. ^{10:1}Now I, Paul, myself, am appealing-to you by the gentleness and kindness *of* Christ—I who **face-to-face** *am* lowly among you, but while absent *am*-bold toward you! ²And I am begging *that I may* not [have to] be bold while present, *with* the confidence *with* which I am considering to dare [to act] against some considering us as walking in accordance with *the* flesh
- 1B. ³For [though] walking in *the* flesh, we are not waging-war in accordance with *the* flesh. ⁴For the weapons *of* our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *in* God for *the* tearing-down *of* fortresses. *We are*
- 1C. Tearing-down considerations ⁵and every height being raised-up against the knowledge *of* God
- 2C. And taking-captive every thought to the obedience *of* Christ
- 3C. ⁶And being ready to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled
- 2B. ⁷You are looking *at things* according to appearance
- 1C. If someone is confident *in* himself *that he* is Christ’s, let him consider this again in himself: that just as he *is* Christ’s, so also *are* we
- 2C. ⁸For if I should boast anything more about our authority, which the Lord gave for building-up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put-to-shame—
- 1D. ⁹In order that I may not seem *as-if* I would [merely] frighten you by *my* letters!
- 1E. ¹⁰Because “The **letters**”, he says, “*are* weighty and strong— but the presence *of* his body *is* weak, and his speaking *is* treated-with-contempt”
- 2E. ¹¹Let such *a one* consider this: that such as we are *in* word by letters while absent, such *ones we are* also *in* deed while present!
- 3C. ¹²For we do not dare to class or compare ourselves *with* some *of* the *ones* commending themselves
- 1D. But **they**— measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves *with* themselves— do not understand
- 4C. ¹³And **we** will not boast in unmeasured *things*, but in-relation-to the measure *of* the standard which God apportioned *to* us *as a* measure: to reach as far as even you
- 1D. ¹⁴For we are not, *as-if* not reaching to you, overextending ourselves. For we arrived even as far as you in connection with the good-news *of* Christ!—
- 1E. ¹⁵Not boasting in unmeasured *things*, in labors belonging-to-others
- 2E. But having *the* hope, while your faith *is* growing, *that we might* be enlarged in you in relation to our standard *of* measure, for an abundance—
- 1F. ¹⁶*That we might* announce-the-good-news in the *regions* beyond you
- 2F. Not *that we might* boast in the prepared *things* in *the* standard *of* measure belonging-to-another
- 5C. ¹⁷But “let the *one* boasting be boasting in *the* Lord” [Jer 9:24]. ¹⁸For not that *one* commending himself is approved, but *the one* whom the Lord commends

- 3B. ¹¹O-that you *would* bear-with me *as to a little bit of* foolishness— but indeed, keep-bearing-with me!
- 1C. ²For I am jealous-for you *with a jealousy of* God
- 1D. For I betrothed you *to* one husband, *that I might* present you *as a* pure virgin *to* Christ
- 2D. ³But I am fearing that as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should somehow be corrupted from sincerity and purity for Christ
- 2C. ⁴For indeed if the *one* coming proclaims another Jesus whom we did not proclaim, or you receive *a* different spirit which you did not receive, or *a* different good-news which you did not accept— you bear-with *him* nicely!
- 3C. ⁵For I think *that I* have in no way come-short-of the superlative apostles. ⁶But even though *I am* untrained *in* speech, nevertheless *I am* not *in* knowledge. But in every way we made *this* evident in all *things* to you
- 1D. ⁷Or did I commit *a* sin [by] humbling myself in order that **you** might be exalted— because I freely announced-as-good-news to you the good-news of God?
- 1E. ⁸I robbed other churches— having taken rations *from them* for your ministry!
- 2E. ⁹And while being present with you and having been in-need, I did not burden anyone— for the brothers having come from Macedonia supplied my need
- 3E. And in every way I kept and will keep myself unburdensome *to* you
- 4E. ¹⁰*As the truth of* Christ is in me, this boasting will not be stopped for me in the regions of Achaia! ¹¹For what reason?
- 1F. Because I do not love you? God knows *I do*
- 2F. ¹²But what I am doing, I indeed will do in order that I may cut-off the opportunity *of* the *ones* wanting *an* opportunity that they might be found *to be* just as also we in what they are boasting
- 1G. ¹³For such *ones are* false-apostles, deceitful workers, transforming *themselves* into apostles of Christ
- 1H. ¹⁴And no wonder, for Satan himself transforms *himself* into *an* angel of light
- 2H. ¹⁵Therefore *it is* no great *thing* if also his ministers are disguising *themselves* as ministers of righteousness— whose end shall be according to their works
- 4B. ¹⁶Again I say, let no one think me to be foolish. Otherwise indeed, receive me even if as foolish, in order that **I** also may boast *a little bit!*
- 1C. ¹⁷In this confidence *of* boasting, what I am speaking, I am not speaking according-to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness
- 2C. ¹⁸Since many are boasting according-to *the* flesh, **I** also will boast!
- 1D. ¹⁹For with-pleasure you bear-with the unwise, being wise
- 1E. ²⁰For you bear-with *it*
- 1F. If anyone enslaves you
- 2F. If anyone devours *you*
- 3F. If anyone takes *you*
- 4F. If anyone lifts-up *himself*
- 5F. If anyone beats you in *the* face
- 2D. ²¹I speak in-accordance-with *my* dishonor— how that **we** have been weak!
- 3D. But in whatever anyone may dare *to boast*— I am speaking in foolishness— **I** also dare
- 4D. ²²Are they Hebrews? I also. Are they Israelites? I also. Are they seed *of* Abraham? I also
- 5D. ²³Are they servants *of* Christ? I speak being distraught, I more—
- 1E. In far-more labors, in far-more prisons, in many-more beatings, in deaths often
- 1F. ²⁴By Jews five-times I received forty *lashes* less one. ²⁵Three-times I was beaten-with-rods. Once I was stoned. Three-times I was shipwrecked. I have done *a* night-and-day in the deep
- 2E. ²⁶*On* journeys often— *in* dangers *from* rivers, *in* dangers *from* robbers, *in* dangers from *my* nation, *in* dangers from Gentiles, *in* dangers in *the* city, *in* dangers in *the* wilderness, *in* dangers at sea, *in* dangers among false-brothers
- 3E. ²⁷*In* labor and hardship, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness
- 4E. ²⁸Apart from the external *things*, *there is* the daily pressure *on* me, the concern *for* all the churches— ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused-to-fall, and **I** do not burn?

- 5E. ³⁰If it-is-necessary to boast, I will boast the *things of* my weakness! ³¹The God and Father *of* the Lord Jesus, the *One* being blessed forever, knows that I am not lying
- 6E. ³²In Damascus, the ethnarch *of* Aretas the king was guarding the city *of the* Damascenes to seize me. ³³And I was lowered in *a* basket through *a* window through the wall and escaped his hands
- 3C. ^{12:1}It-is-necessary to boast. *It is* not **beneficial**— but I will come to visions and revelations *from the* Lord
- 1D. ²I know *a* man in Christ, fourteen years ago
- 1E. Whether in *the* body, I do not know, or outside *of* the body, I do not know. God knows
- 2E. *That* such *a one* was snatched-away to *the* third heaven
- 2D. ³And I know such *a* man
- 1E. Whether in *the* body or apart from the body, I do not know. God knows
- 2E. ⁴That he was snatched away into paradise, and heard unspeakable words which *are* not permitted *for a* man to speak
- 3D. ⁵I will boast on behalf of such *a one*. But I will not boast on behalf of myself, except in the weaknesses
- 1E. ⁶For if I should desire to boast, I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking *the* truth
- 2E. But I am sparing *you, that* no one might credit to me beyond what he sees *as to* me, or hears *as to* something from me
- 4D. ⁷And *for* the excess *of* the revelations— for-this-reason, in order that I might not be exalted, *a* thorn *in* the flesh was given *to* me; *a* messenger *of* Satan to beat me in order that I might not be exalted
- 1E. ⁸I appealed-to the Lord about this three-times, that it might depart from me
- 2E. ⁹And He has said *to* me: “My grace is sufficient *for* you. For *My* power is perfected in weakness”
- 3E. Therefore most-gladly I will rather boast in my weaknesses in order that the power *of* Christ may dwell upon me
- 4E. ¹⁰For this reason I am well-pleased with weaknesses, with insults, with constraints, with persecutions and distresses for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, at that time I am powerful
- 5B. ¹¹I have become foolish— **you** compelled me! For **I** ought to be being commended by you!
- 1C. For I in no way came-short-of the superlative apostles, even though I am nothing—
- 1D. ¹²The **signs** *of* the apostle were produced among you in all endurance *in* both signs and wonders, and miracles
- 2C. ¹³For what is it *as to* which you were worse-off than the other churches?
- 1D. Except that **I** myself did not burden you— forgive me this wrong-doing!
- 2D. ¹⁴Behold— this *is the* third *time* I am ready to come to you, and I will not be *a* burden
- 1E. For I am not seeking your *things*, but you
- 2E. For the children ought not to be storing-up *for* the parents, but the parents *for* the children
- 3E. ¹⁵But **I** will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls— though while loving you more, I am loved less!
- 3D. ¹⁶But let it be— **I** did not weigh you down, but being crafty, I took you *by* deceit!
- 1E. ¹⁷*As to* anyone *of* whom I have sent-out to you— I did not exploit you through him, *did I*?
- 2E. ¹⁸I urged Titus *to go*, and I sent the brother with *him*. Titus did not exploit you, *did he*? Did we not walk *in* the same spirit? *In* the same footsteps?
- 6B. ¹⁹All-this-time are you thinking that we are defending-*ourselves to* you? We are speaking before God in Christ— and *speaking* all *things*, beloved, for the sake of your edification
- 1C. ²⁰For I am fearing that having come, I may somehow find you *to be* not such as I want, and **I** may be found *by* you *to be* such as you do not want—
- 1D. That somehow *there may be* strife, jealousy, rages, selfish-interests, slanders, whisperings, puffings [with pride], disorders
- 2D. ²¹That I having come again, my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn many *of the ones* having previously-sinned and not having repented over the impurity and sexual-immorality and sensuality which they practiced

2C. ^{13:1}This *is the third time* I am coming to you

1D. Every word shall be established based-on *the mouth of* two and three witnesses

2D. ²I have said-before and I am saying-beforehand, as being-present the second *time* and being-absent now, *to the ones* having previously-sinned and *to* all the rest—

1E. That if I come again I will not spare *you*— ³since you are seeking *a proof of* Christ speaking in me, Who is not weak toward you, but is strong in you

1F. ⁴For indeed He was crucified because-of weakness, but He lives because-of *the power of* God

2F. For indeed **we** are weak in Him, but we will live with Him because of *the power of* God toward you

2E. ⁵Test **yourselves** *to see* if you are in the faith! Prove **yourselves**!

1F. Or do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ *is* in you?— unless indeed you are disapproved

2F. ⁶But I hope that you will come-to-know that **we** are not disapproved

3E. ⁷And we are praying to God *that you may* not do anything bad—

1F. Not in order that **we** may appear approved

2F. But in order that **you** may be doing the good, and **we** may be as disapproved

1G. ⁸For we cannot *do* anything against the truth, but [only] for the truth

2G. ⁹For we are rejoicing whenever **we** are weak but **you** are strong

4E. This also we are praying— your restoration

3C. ¹⁰For this reason I am writing these *things* while absent— in order that while being-present, I may not act severely according-to the authority which the Lord gave me for building-up and not for tearing-down

A. ¹¹Finally, brothers, be rejoicing, be restored, be exhorted, be thinking the same *thing*, be living-in-peace. And the God *of* love and peace will be with you

B. ¹²Greet one another with *a* holy kiss

C. ¹³All the saints greet you

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