**2ND  CORINTHIANS** (written while in Macedonia??)

2Co 1:1 **Paul,** an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, **and Timothy** our brother, unto **the church of God which is at Corinth**, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

2Co 1:2 ***Grace be to you*** and peace from **God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOD COMFORTS US IN TRIBULATIONS**(pressures)

2Co 1:3 Blessed be **God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Father of mercies*, and the *God of all comfort*** (solace-inviting to come near);

2Co 1:4 Who **comforteth** (inviting to come near); **us** *in all our* ***tribulation****,* (pressure, affliction) that we may be able to **comfort** (inviting to come near); **them** which are in any **trouble** (pressure, affliction), by the **comfort** (solace-inviting to come near)wherewith we ourselves are **comforted** (inviting to come near) of God.

2Co 1:5 For as the **sufferings** (undergo hardships) **of Christ** **abound** (excessively increase) in us, so our **consolation** (solace-inviting to come near) also **aboundeth** (excessively increase) by Christ.

2Co 1:6 And whether we be **afflicted** *(crowded),* it is for your **consolation**(exhortation to comfort) and **salvation**(rescue, safety), which is **effectual**(effectively, active) in the **enduring** (cheerful endurance) of **the same sufferings** which we also suffer: or whether we be **comforted**, it is for your **consolation** (exhortation to comfort) and **salvation** (rescue, safety),.

2Co 1:7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are **partakers** (sharers, partners) of the **sufferings** *(undergo hardships)*, so shall ye be also of the **consolation** (solace-calling near).

**PAUL’S TROUBLES IN ASIA**

2Co 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you **ignorant of our** **trouble** (pressure, tribulation) which came to us **in Asia**, that we ***were pressed*** *out of measure, above* ***strength*** *(dunamis-power), insomuch that we* ***despaired*** (utterly at a loss**) even of life:**

2Co 1:9 But we had *the* **sentence** (judicial decision) **of** death

***in ourselves*,** (own selves, own conceits) that **we should not trust** *in ourselves***,** but in God which ***raiseth the dead***:

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# 2Co 1:10 Who **delivered** (rescued) us ***from so great a death***, and doth **deliver** (rescued): in whom we trust that he will yet **deliver** (rescued) us;

2Co 1:11 Ye also ***helping together by prayer for us***, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

**PAUL’S ORIGINAL PLAN**

2Co 1:12 For **our rejoicing** (boasting) is this, the **testimony** (evidential testimony) of our **conscience** (co-perception, moral consciousness), that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but **by *the grace of God*,** we have had our **conversation** (over-turning, abiding) in the **world** (kosmos), and more abundantly to you-ward.

2Co 1:13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or **acknowledge**; (fully acquainted with) and I trust ye shall **acknowledge** even to the end;

2Co 1:14 As also ye have **acknowledged** us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours ***in the day* of the Lord Jesus.**

2Co 1:15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

2Co 1:16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again *out of Macedonia* unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

2Co 1:17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use **lightness** (levity)? or the things that I purpose, *do I purpose* ***according to the flesh***, that with me there should be *yea yea,* and *nay nay*?

2Co 1:18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

2Co 1:19 For **the Son of God, Jesus Christ**, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was **not yea** and **nay**, but ***in him was yea***.

2Co 1:20 **For all the promises of God** in him **are yea,** and in him **Amen**, unto **the glory of God by us**.

2Co 1:21 Now he which **stablisheth**(stabilizes) **us** *with you* in Christ, and **hath anointed us,** is God;

2Co 1:22 Who hath **also *sealed us***(stamped), and **given** the **earnest**(*purchase money in advance of the rest*) **of the Spirit** in our hearts.

**PAUL’S CHANGE OF PLANS**

2Co 1:23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

2Co 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: ***for by faith ye stand.***

2Co 2:1 But I determined this with myself, that I *would not come again to you in heaviness.*

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

2Co 2:3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; *having confidence in you all*, that my joy is the joy of you all.

2Co 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

**FORGIVE & COMFORT & LOVE**

2Co 2:5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.

2Co 2:6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

2Co 2:7 So that contrariwise *ye ought rather* ***to forgive him,***and **comfort him**, lest perhaps such a one should be *swallowed up with overmuch sorrow*.

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would ***confirm your love toward him***.

2Co 2:9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

# FAILING TO FORGIVE – GIVES SATAN AN ADVANTAGE

2Co 2:10 *To whom ye* ***forgive*** *any thing*, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I **forgave** it, for your sakes **forgave** I it in the person of Christ;

2Co 2:11 **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: *for we are not ignorant of his devices****.(intellect,thoughts)*

2Co 2:12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to **preach Christ's gospel,** and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

2Co 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

**CHRIST CAUSES US TO TRIUMPH**

2Co 2:14 Now **thanks be unto God**, which always **causeth us to triumph in Christ,** and **maketh manifest**(renders apparent, to appear) the **savour(**fragrance) of his **knowledge**(science) by us in every place.

2Co 2:15 For we are unto God a **sweet savour**(sweet fragance) of Christ, *in them that are saved, and in them that perish:*

2Co 2:16 To the one we are the **savour** (fragrance) of *death unto death*; and to the other the **savour** (fragrance) of *life unto life*. And who is **sufficient** (arrived, competent) for these things?

2Co 2:17 For **we are not as many, which corrupt** (retail, huckster) **the word of God:** but *as of sincerity*, but *as of God*, in the sight of God speak ***we in Christ***.

**YOU ARE OUR EPISTLE**

2Co 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2Co 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

2Co 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are **manifestly declared**(rendered apparent) to be ***the epistle of Christ*** ministered by us, ***written***not with ink, but ***with the Spirit*** of the living God; not in tables of stone, but ***in fleshy tables of the heart*.**

2Co 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

2Co 3:5 Not that we are **sufficient** (arrive competent) of ourselves to **think** (to take inventory) any thing as of **ourselves**; but our **sufficiency** (ability) **is of God;**

# NT vs OT MINISTRY… SPIRIT MORE GLORIOUS

2Co 3:6 Who also hath **made** us **able** (enabled) **ministers** (deacons,servants) **of the new** (fresh) **testament**; (covenant, contract) not *of the letter*, but **of the spirit:** for the letter killeth, but **the spirit giveth life**. (quickens)

2Co 3:7 But if **the ministration of death,** written and engraven in stones***, was glorious***, so that the children of Israel could not sted-fastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory was to be done away*:

2Co 3:8 How shall not the ***ministration of the spirit* be rather glorious**?

2Co 3:9 For if the **ministration of condemnation** (act of adverse sentencing) *be glory*, much more doth the **ministration of righteousness** **exceed in glory**.

2Co 3:10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of *the glory that excelleth*.

2Co 3:11 For if *that which is done away was glorious*, **much more *that which remaineth is glorious.***

# THE VAIL - BLINDNESS IS TAKEN AWAY IN CHRIST

2Co 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

2Co 3:13 And not as **Moses**, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is **abolished**:(rendered entirely idle)

2Co 3:14 But ***their minds were blinded:*** for ***until this day*** *remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament;* which **vail is done away in Christ.**

2Co 3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, ***the vail is upon their heart****.*

2Co 3:16 Nevertheless ***when it*** *(THEIR HEART)* ***shall turn to the Lord*, *the vail shall be taken away*.**

# **SPIRIT… TRANSFORMS US FROM GLORY TO GLORY**

2Co 3:17 Now **the Lord is that Spirit:** and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is *liberty.*** *(*freedom)

2Co 3:18 But we all, with **open** (a reversing, to unveil) **face** (countenance, presence) **beholding as in a glass** (look in a mirror) **the glory of the Lord,** are **changed** (transformed, metamorphosed…same as Rom 12:2) **into the same image *from glory to glory*, even *as by the Spirit of the Lord***.

# PREACH CHRIST – to BLINDED minds BY of this Age

2Co 4:1 Therefore seeing **we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2Co 4:2 But have *renounced the hidden things of dishonesty***, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully** (to ensnare); but by **manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2Co 4:3 But if our gospel be **hid**, (covered up) it is **hid** (covered up) to them that are **lost** (destroy fully, perish)

2Co 4:4 In whom **the god of this world**(age) ***hath blinded the minds of them which believe not*,** lest **the light** (illumination)of the*glorious* ***gospel*** (good news) *of Christ***, who is the image** (likeness, profile) **of God, should shine** (beam forth) **unto them.**

2Co 4:5 For **we preach** (herald) not ourselves, but ***Christ Jesus the Lord***; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Co 4:6 For **God,** *who commanded the light to shine out of darkness***, hath shined in our hearts, *to give the light of the knowledge*** (science) ***of the glory of Go*d** in the ***face*** (outward visage, countenance) ***of Jesus Christ.***

2Co 4:7 But we have this**treasure** (deposit, wealth) in earthen vessels, that the **excellency** (super, exceeding)**of the power** (dunamis) ***may be of God***, and not of us.

# TROUBLES & DEATH ALL AROUND

2Co 4:8 **We** **are troubled**(crowded) **on every side** (thoroughly), *yet not* ***distressed****(cramped)*; **we are perplexed***, (no way out)* but **not in *despair*** (utterly at loss).

2Co 4:9 **Persecuted** (pursued)**,** *but* ***not forsaken*** (deserted, left behind); **cast down (**thrown down), *but* not***destroyed*** (perish, lose);

2Co 4:10 **Always** (at all times) **bearing about** (convey, transport) **in the body *the dying***(deadness, impotency) ***of the Lord Jesus***, that **the life** *also of Jesus* **might be made manifest** (rendered apparent, manifestly declared) in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which **live** (alive, quickened) are **always delivered**(surrendered always) ***unto death*** **for Jesus' sake** (because of), that **the life** *also of Jesus* might *be made* ***manifest*** (rendered apparent) *in our* **mortal** (mortality) flesh.

# 2Co 4:12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

2Co 4:13 We having the **same spirit of faith**, according as it is written***, I believed, and therefore have I spoken;*** **we also believe, and therefore speak;**

# 2Co 4:14 Knowing that he which ***raised up*** the Lord Jesus ***shall raise up us*** also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

2Co 4:15 For all things are for your sakes, that **the abundant grace** might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

**OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION**

2Co 4:16 For which cause *we* ***faint*** (failing, weary) ***not;*** but though ***our outward man* perish** (decays utterly, corrupts), yet ***the inward man* is renewed** (renovated) **day by day.**

2Co 4:17 For **our light** (easy) **affliction** (pressure, affliction), *which is but for a* ***moment*** (instant), **worketh** (working fully, accomplishing) **for us a far more exceeding** (more excellent) **and eternal** (perpetual) **weight** (abundance, load) **of glory;**

2Co 4:18 While **we look** (regard, consider, take aim) **not at** the things which **are seen**, *but* ***at the things which are not seen***: for the things which are seen are **temporal** (temporary); ***but the*** *things which are not seen are* ***eternal*** (perpetual, everlasting).

# MOTIVATED BY OUR ETERNAL BUILDING IN HEAVEN

2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were **dissolved** (demolished, thrown down), **we have a building** (structure) **of God**, an **house** (residence) not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens**.

2Co 5:2 For in this **we groan** (sigh inaudibly), **earnestly desiring** (intensely crave possession) *to be clothed upon* **with our house** (residence) **which is from heaven:**

2Co 5:3 If so be that **being clothed** *we shall not be found naked.*

2Co 5:4 For **we** that are **in this tabernacle *do groan*** *(sigh),* being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but **clothed upon**, that mortality might be **swallowed up of life**.

2Co 5:5 Now **he that hath wrought** (working fully to accomplish) us for **the selfsame thing**(very thing) is God, who also hath ***given unto us the* earnest** (pledge,in advance,security) ***of the Spirit.***

2Co 5:6 Therefore we are **always** (at all times) **confident** (confident), knowing that, **whilst we are at home** (present, home)**in the body**, we are **absent** (vacate, absent) ***from the Lord:***

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2Co 5:7 (**For we walk by faith, not by sight**(appearance):

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2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be ***present with the Lord***.

**FUTURE REWARD**

2Co 5:9 Wherefore **we labour,** that, whether present or absent, ***we may be accepted of him.***

2Co 5:10 For ***we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ***; that **every one may receive the things done in his body**, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2Co 5:11 **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, *we persuade men***; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

**THE CONSTRAINING LOVE OF CHRIST**

2Co 5:12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them **which glory in appearance,** and **not in heart.**

2Co 5:13 For whether **we be beside ourselves** (out of wits), it is to God: or whether ***we be sober***, (of sound mind) it is for your cause.

2Co 5:14 For **the love of Christ constraineth** (compresses, presses) **us**; because we thus judge, ***that if one died for all, then were all dead:***

2Co 5:15 And that **he died for all**, that **they which live** should not henceforth ***live unto themselves***, but **unto him** which ***died for them***, and ***rose again***.

2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known **Christ after the flesh**, yet ***now henceforth know we him no more.***

**A NEW CREATURE OF RECONCILIATION**

2Co 5:17 **Therefore if any man be in Christ,** **he is a new (**new, fresh) **creature** (creation, creature): **old things** (original, old) **are passed away** (past, gone away); **behold, all things** (all, whole) **are become new** (new, fresh).

2Co 5:18 And ***all things are of God,*** who hath *reconciled us to himself* ***by Jesus Christ***, and hath *given to us* **the ministry of reconciliation**;

2Co 5:19 To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and **hath committed unto us *the word of reconciliation.***

2Co 5:20 Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, *be ye reconciled to God*.

2Co 5:21 For **he hath made him to be sin for us,** who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God** in him.

# GIVE NO OFFENSE IN MINISTRY

2Co 6:1 We then, **as workers together with him**, beseech you also that ye **receive not the grace of God** in vain.

2Co 6:2 *(For he saith,* ***I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured*** (surrounded, help, protected) ***thee: behold, NOW is the accepted*** (approved, favorable) ***time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation***(rescue, safety, deliver, health, save .)***Isa 49:8***

**PROVE YOURSELVES MINISTERS IN ALL...THINGS …**

2Co 6:3 ***Giving no* offence** (occasion to trip) ***in any thing***, that the ministry be not blamed:

2Co 6:4 But in all things ***approving***(exhibiting) ***ourselves as the ministers of God****,* **in much patience** (cheerful, hopeful, endurance), in **afflictions** (pressure, tribulation), in **necessities** (constraints), in **distresses** (narrowness of room),

2Co 6:5 In **stripes** (strokes, wounds), in **imprisonments** (cages), in **tumults** (disorder, instability), in **labours** (reducing strength toil), in **watchings** (sleepless-ness), in **fastings** (lack of food);

2Co 6:6 By **pureness** (blameless-ness), by **knowledge** (science, knowing), by **longsuffering** (patient forbearance), by **kindness** (gentleness), by **the Holy Ghost**, by **love unfeigned** (without hypocrisy),

2Co 6:7 By **the word**(logos) **of truth**(truth), by **the power** (dunamis, force) **of God**, by the **armour** (offensive war armour) **of righteousness** (equity, right) on the right hand and on the left,

2Co 6:8 By **honour**(praise) **and dishonour** (reproach), by **evil report** (defamation) **and good report** (praise) as **deceivers** (imposters), **and yet true**(concealing nothing);

2Co 6:9 As **unknown**, (lack of info) and **yet well known** (fully acquainted with); as **dying**, (dead, dying off)and, behold**, we live** (alive); as **chastened** (chastened as a child), and **not killed** (put to death);

2Co 6:10 As **sorrowful** (sad causing grief), **yet alway rejoicing** (cheerful); as **poor** (crouching beggar), **yet making many rich** (making wealthy); as having **nothing**(not even one thing), **and yet possessing** (holding) **all things** (everything).

# YOU ARE CRAMPED IN YOUR SELVES –IT’S NOT US

2Co 6:11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

2Co 6:12 Ye are not **straitened** (hemd in,cramped) **in us,** but ye are **straitened** (hemd in,cramped) **in your own bowels.**

2Co 6:13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be **ye also enlarged** (widened).

# UNEQUALLY YOKED WITH UNBELIEVERS

2Co 6:14 Be ***ye not unequally yoked*** together **with unbelievers:** for what **fellowship** (participation) hath *righteousness with unrighteousness*? and what communion hath *light with darkness?*

2Co 6:15 And what concord hath *Christ with Belia*l? or what part hath he that *believeth with an infidel*?

2Co 6:16 And what **agreement** (accord) hath **the *temple of God*** *with* ***idols***? for ye **are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, ***I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.****(Eze 37:27)(Lev 26;12)*

2Co 6:17 ***Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,*** (set a boundary) ***saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you****,(Isa 52:11)*

2Co 6:18 ***And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.***

**JOYFUL IN OUR TRIBULATIONS**

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us ***cleanse ourselves*** from all ***filthiness*** (immorality) ***of the flesh and spirit*,** ***perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

2Co 7:2 Receive us; we have **wronged** (unjust) no man, we have **corrupted** (spoiled) no man, we have **defrauded** (taken advantage) no man.

2Co 7:3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you.

# GREAT IS MY GLORYING OF YOU

2Co 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, ***great is my glorying of you***: **I am filled with comfort** (solace), ***I am exceeding*** (super abound) ***joyful in all our tribulation*** (pressure).

2Co 7:5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but *we were* ***troubled*** *(crowded) on every side*; **without were *fightings*** *(battle)*, **within were *fears*** *(*fear & alarm).

2Co 7:6 Nevertheless **God, that comforteth** (calls near) **those that are cast down**, (depressed) **comforted** (call near) us by the coming of Titus;

# 2Co 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us *your earnest desire,* your *mourning*, your *fervent mind toward me*; so that I rejoiced the more.

# GODLY SORROW WORKS REPENTANCE

2Co 7:8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.

2Co 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that **ye sorrowed to repentance**:(reversal of decision) for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2Co 7:10 For **godly sorrow worketh repentance** (reversal of decision) to **salvation** (rescue,safety)not to be repented of: but ***the sorrow of the world worketh death***.

2Co 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what *carefulness* it wrought in you, yea, what **clearing of yourselves**,(clearing of self defense) yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

# TITUS WAS REFRESHED BY YOU

2Co 7:12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong*, ***nor for his cause that suffered wrong,*** but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

2Co 7:13 Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for **the joy of Titus**, because ***his spirit was refreshed by you all.***

# 2Co 7:14 For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus, is found a truth.

2Co 7:15 And his **inward affection** is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him.

2Co 7:16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.

# THE MACEDONIANS EXAMPLE IN GIVING

2Co 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of **the grace of God** bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2Co 8:2 How that *in a great trial of affliction* **the abundance of their joy** and *their deep poverty* abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;

2Co 8:4 *Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift*, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2Co 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

2Co 8:6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

**THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST**

2Co 8:7 Therefore, *as* ***ye abound in every thing,*** in **faith**, and **utterance**, and **knowledge,** and in all **diligence,** and in **your love** to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

2Co 8:8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

2Co 8:9 For ye know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that, though **he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, *that ye*** *through his poverty* ***might be rich.***

**THE PURPOSE OF GIVING**

2Co 8:10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

2Co 8:11 Now therefore **perform the doing of it**; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be **a performance** also out of that which ye have.

2Co 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted **according to that a man hath,** and not according to that he hath not.

2Co 8:13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

2Co 8:14 But by an equality, that now at this time ***your abundance may be a supply*** for their want, that ***their abundance*** also may be a supply ***for your want***: that there may be equality:

2Co 8:15 As it is written, ***He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack***. Ex 16:18

2Co 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of **Titus** for you.

2Co 8:17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

# A BROTHER SENT WITH TITUS

2Co 8:18 And we have sent with him the brother, *whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;*

2Co 8:19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

2Co 8:20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

2Co 8:21 **Providing for honest things**, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

2Co 8:22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

# TITUS IS MY PARTNER

2Co 8:23 Whether any do enquire of **Titus, he is my partner and fellow-helper** concerning you: or **our brethren** be enquired of, they are the ***messengers of the churches***, and the glory of Christ.

2Co 8:24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

**PREPARATION OF MINISTRY TO THE SAINTS**

2Co 9:1 For as touching **the ministering to the saints**, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2Co 9:2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and *your zeal hath provoked very many.*

2Co 9:3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

2Co 9:4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

2Co 9:5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and **make up beforehand your bounty**, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, ***as a matter of bounty***, and not as of covetousness.

**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER**

2Co 9:6 But this I say, ***He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*** *(a natural truth)*

2Co 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; *not grudgingly*, **or** *of necessity*: ***for God loveth a cheerful giver.***

**PROMISES OF GIVING**

2Co 9:8 And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you**; that ye***, always having all sufficiency in all things,*** may abound to every good work:

2Co 9:9 (As it is written, ***He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.*** *(Psa 112:9)*

2Co 9:10 Now *he that ministereth* **seed to the sower** both minister bread for your food, and **multiply your seed sown**, and **increase the fruits** of your righteousness;)

# 2Co 9:11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

2Co 9:12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

2Co 9:13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

2Co 9:14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

2Co 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

**ANSWERS …CHARGE AGAINST HIM**

2Co 10:1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

2Co 10:2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against **some,** which ***think of us as if we walked according to the flesh***.

**ANSWERS THE CHARGE OF WALKING IN THE FLESH**

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, ***we do not war after the flesh:***

2Co 10:4 (***For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)***

2Co 10:5 ***Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;***

2Co 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

**ANSWERS THE CHARGE OF PERSONAL WEAKNESS**

2Co 10:7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

2Co 10:8 For though I **should boast somewhat more of our authority,** which the Lord hath *given us for edification*, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

2Co 10:9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

2Co 10:10 ***For his letters****,* say they, ***are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.***

2Co 10:11 Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

2Co 10:12 *For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves:* but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2Co 10:13 *But we will not boast of things without our measure*, but **according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us,** a measure to reach even unto you.

2Co 10:14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:

2Co 10:15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, *when your faith is increased,* that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

2Co 10:16 **To *preach the gospel* in the regions beyond you**, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

2Co 10:17 ***But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord****.*

2Co 10:18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, ***but whom the Lord commendeth.***

**PAUL DECLARES HIS APOSTLE-SHIP**

2Co 11:1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for **I have espoused you to one husband,** that I may **present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, *as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty*, so your minds **should be corrupted from *the simplicity that is in Christ*.**

2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh ***preacheth another Jesus***, whom we have not preached, or if ye ***receive another spirit****,* which ye have not received, or ***another gospel****,* which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

2Co 11:5 *For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.*

2Co 11:6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; ***but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.***

# NOT BEING A BURDEN TO YOU – I SHALL CONTINUE TO BOAST

# 2Co 11:7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

2Co 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

2Co 11:9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and **in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you,** and so will I keep myself.

2Co 11:10 As the truth of Christ is in me, **no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.**

2Co 11:11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

# MANY FALSE APOSTLES – DECEITFUL WORKERS

2Co 11:12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

2Co 11:13 For **such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

**2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing *if* ***his ministers* also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;** whose end shall be according to their works.

**PAUL’S SUFFERINGS SUPPORT HIS CALLING**

2Co 11:16 I say again, ***Let no man think me a fool***; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.

2Co 11:17 That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

2Co 11:18 **Seeing that many glory after the flesh,** *I will glory also.*

2Co 11:19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise.

2Co 11:20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

# I AM BOLD TOO …LISTEN TO MY BOASTING

# 2Co 11:21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) **I am bold also**.

2Co 11:22 **Are they Hebrews**? so am I. **Are they Israelites**? so am I. Are they the **seed of Abraham**? so am I.

# I AM EVEN MORE

2Co 11:23 Are they ***ministers of Christ***? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in **labours** more abundant, **in stripes** above measure**, in prisons** more frequent**, in deaths oft.**

# I’VE BEEN BEATEN MORE

2Co 11:24 Of **the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.**

2Co 11:25 ***Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;***

# IN PERILS MORE

***2Co 11:26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;***

# IN DEPRIVED …MORE

***2Co 11:27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness***.

**THE DAILY CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES**

2Co 11:28 Beside **those things that are without**, that which cometh upon me daily, ***the care of all the churches***.

2Co 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

2Co 11:30 If I must needs glory, ***I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities***.

# GOD KNOWS THAT I LIE NOT

# 2Co 11:31 The **God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

# I ESCAPED THE GOVERNOR OF DAMASCUS

2Co 11:32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

2Co 11:33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

**VISIONS & REVELATIONS I HAVE HAD …EVEN OF PARADISE**

2Co 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to **visions and revelations** of the Lord.

2Co 12:2 **I knew a man in Christ** above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an ***one caught up to the third heaven.***

2Co 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2Co 12:4 How that **he was caught up into paradise**, and ***heard unspeakable words***, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2Co 12:5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

2Co 12:6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

# THORN IN THE FLESH

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me **a thorn in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

# SUFFICIENT GRACE & POWER OF CHRIST

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me**.**

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient**(raises a barrier) **for thee: for my strength**(dunamis-force) **is made perfect**(complete) **in weakness**(feebleness).*Most gladly therefore will I rather* ***glory****(boast, joy) in* ***my****(me,mine,my)* ***infirmities*** *(feebleness), that the* ***power****(dunamis-force) of Christ may rest upon me.*

# SO THEREFORE!

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take **pleasure** (think well of) in **infirmities**,(feebleness in mind or body) in **reproaches**(insults), in **necessities**(constraints), in **persecutions** (pursuits), in **distresses** (narrowness of room) for Christ's **sake**(on the part of): for when I am **weak**(feeble in any sense), then am I **strong** (dunatos-powerful, capable).

**YOU WERE EXPOSED TO THE SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE**

2Co 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have **compelled**(constrained) me: for I ought to have been commended of you: **for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.**

2Co 12:12 Truly the *signs of an apostle* were wrought among you **in all patience**(cheerful endurance), in **signs**(supernatural tokens), and **wonders**(omens), and **mighty deeds**.(dunamis)

# CONCERN IN BEING A FINANCIAL BURDEN

2Co 12:13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself ***was not burdensome to you***? *forgive me this wrong.*

2Co 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: ***for I seek not yours, but you:*** for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

2Co 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; **though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.**

2Co 12:16 But be it so, I did not burden you: *nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.*

2Co 12:17 **Did I make a gain of you** by any of them whom I sent unto you?

2Co 12:18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. **Did Titus make a gain of you?** walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

2Co 12:19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

**PAUL FEARS IN FINDING THEM CARNAL**

2Co 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be ***debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:***

2Co 12:21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail **many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the *uncleanness* and *fornication*** *(fornication, adultery, incest)* **and *lasciviousness****(filthiness)* which they have committed.

**A WARNING TO EXAMINE YOURSELVES**

2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.**

2Co 13:2 I told you before, and foretell you, *as if I were present*, the second time; and being absent now *I write to them which heretofore have sinned*, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

2Co 13:3 Since **ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me**, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

2Co 13:4 For though **he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God.** For **we also are weak in him**, but ***we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.***

2Co 13:5 **Examine**(test) **yourselves**, whether ye be in the faith; **prove**(discern)your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how ***that Jesus Christ is in you***, except ye be **reprobates**(rejected, cast away)?

2Co 13:6 But I trust that ye shall know *that we are not* ***reprobates***(rejected, cast away).

2Co 13:7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

2Co 13:8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

2Co 13:9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your **perfection** (through equipment).

2Co 13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me ***to edification***, and not to destruction.

**IN CONCLUSION**

2Co 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. **Be perfect** (thoroughly complete)**, be of good comfort**(call near)**, be of one mind**(opinion), **live in peace;** and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

2Co 13:12 ***Greet one another with an holy kiss.***

2Co 13:13 All the saints salute you.

2Co 13:14 The **grace o**f the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love** of God, and the **communion**(partnership,fellowship) of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. *<<The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.>>*