

## 2 Corinthians - KJV

### Greetings

**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**.

### Comfort in Sufferings

**2Co 1:3** Blessed *be* **God**, even **the Father** of **our Lord Jesus Christ**,  
**the Father** of **mercies**, and the **God** of all **comfort**;

**2Co 1:4** Who comforteth us in all our tribulation,  
that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble,  
by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of **God**.

**2Co 1:5** For as the sufferings of **Christ** abound in us,  
so our consolation also aboundeth by **Christ**.

**2Co 1:6** And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation,  
which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer:  
or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.

**2Co 1:7** And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing,  
that as ye are partakers of the sufferings,  
so *shall ye be* also of the consolation [our comfort].

**2Co 1:8** For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant  
of our trouble [affliction] which came to us in **Asia**,  
that we were pressed out of measure [burdened excessively], above [beyond our] strength,  
insomuch that we despaired even of life:

**2Co 1:9** But we had the sentence of death in ourselves,  
that we should not trust in ourselves,  
but in **God**

**which raiseth the dead:**

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

11 Ye also  
helping together by prayer for us,  
that for **the gift {and deliverance} bestowed upon us** by the means of many persons  
thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

### Confidence in God and each other

**2Co 1:12** For **our rejoicing [proud confidence] is this**,  
the testimony of our conscience,  
that in simplicity and godly sincerity,

not with fleshly wisdom,  
but by the **grace** of **God**,  
we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

**2Co 1:13** For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge;  
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 [reason to be proud], 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?  
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 [**establishes**] us with you in **Christ**,
- and hath **anointed** us,

*is* **God**;

- **2Co 1:22** Who hath also **sealed** us,
- **and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.** [**gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge**]

**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, and Affirm your Love for the one you punished

**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 [by] many [the majority].

**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 [excessive] sorrow.

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

**Note: 1Co 5:5** {I have decided} To deliver such an one (Note: who committed incest with his mother) unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

**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.

**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 [presence] of **Christ**;

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

### Sidenote:

**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**.

**2Co 2:14** Now thanks *be* unto **God**,

- which always causeth us to triumph in **Christ**,
- and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

**2Co 2:15**

## For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ,

**Note:** several Old Testament references containing the phrase: "*an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the Lord*"

in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

**2Co 2:16** To the one *we are* the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.

And who *is* sufficient for these things?

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

**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 to be the epistle of **Christ** ministered [cared for] by us,

written not with ink,	but with <b>the Spirit</b> of the living <b>God</b> ;
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 of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of **God**;

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of **the new testament [covenant]**;

not of **the letter**, but of **the spirit**:  
Note: the letter of the Law  
for **the letter** killeth, but **the spirit** giveth life.

2Co 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written <i>and</i> engraven in stones, was glorious, so that <b>the children of Israel</b> could not stedfastly behold the face of <b>Moses</b> for the glory of his countenance; which <i>glory</i> was to be done away:	2Co 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
2Co 3:9a For if <b>the ministration of condemnation</b> be glory,	2Co 3:9b much more doth <b>the ministration of righteousness</b> exceed in glory.
2Co 3:10a For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect,	2Co 3:10b by reason of the glory that excelleth.
2Co 3:11a For if that which is done away <i>was</i> glorious,	2Co 3:11b much more that which remaineth <i>is</i> glorious.

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

### Our faces revealing the glory of the Lord

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

2Co 3:14a But their minds were blinded [hardened]:

for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of <b>the old testament [covenant]</b> ;	2Co 3:14b which <i>veil</i> is done away in <b>Christ</b> .
2Co 3:15 But even unto this day, when <b>Moses</b> is read, the veil is upon their heart.	2Co 3:16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, <b>the veil shall be taken away</b> .

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

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open [unveiled] face beholding as in a glass [mirror] the glory of the Lord,  
**are changed into the same image from glory to glory**, *even* as by **the Spirit of the Lord**.

### The Light of the Gospel hidden from the arrogant

2Co 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry,  
as we have **received mercy**, we faint not [do not lose heart];

2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty,  
not **walking in craftiness**, nor **handling the word of God** deceitfully;  
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,

it is hid to them that are lost:

2Co 4:4 In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them **which believe not**,

Note: Those who have seen the gospel demonstrated with power, signs, wonders, healings, resurrections,  
demons cast out, yet still refuse to believe.

lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God**, should shine unto them.

2Co 4:5

For we preach 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 of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

## A totally surrendered life Willing to Suffer in the same way Christ suffered unto death

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of **God**, and not of us.

2Co 4:8 <i>We are</i> troubled [afflicted] on every side,	yet not distressed [crushed];
<i>we are</i> perplexed,	but not in despair;
2Co 4:9 Persecuted,	but not forsaken;
cast [struck] down,	but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

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;	<b>Pro 21:28</b> A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.
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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 [abound] to the glory of **God**.

Note Glory G1391: dignity, honor, praise, worship

2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

## Our New Heavenly Body

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

2Co 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house 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, 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 us for the selfsame thing *is* **God**,  
**who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.**

2Co 5:6 Therefore *we are* always confident,  
knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

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

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

### The Judgment seat of Christ

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.

### A Ministry of Reconciliation

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.  
*Manifest: clear or obvious to the eye or mind*

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 [take pride in] in appearance, and not in heart.

2Co 5:13 For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to **God**:  
or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause.

2Co 5:14 For the love of **Christ** constraineth 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 [perceive] we *him* no more.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in **Christ**, *he is* a new creature:  
old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

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 [namely], 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:

**Reconcile:** restore friendly relations between, cause to coexist in harmony, make (one account) consistent with another,

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.

**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 [HELPED] THEE:

**Isa 49:8** Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make *them* inherit the desolate heritages;

behold, now *is* THE ACCEPTED TIME; behold, now *is* THE DAY OF SALVATION.)

2Co 6:3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

2Co 6:4

But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of **God**,

in much patience,

in afflictions,

in necessities [hardships],

in distresses,

2Co 6:5 In stripes [beatings],

in imprisonments,

in tumults,

in labours,

in watchings [keeping awake],

in fastings [hunger];

2Co 6:6 By pureness,

by knowledge,

by longsuffering [patience],

by kindness,

by **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**,

by love unfeigned [in genuine love],

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth,

by the power of **God**,

by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, (Eph 6:10-19)

2Co 6:8 By honour and dishonour,

by evil report and good report:

{regarded} as deceivers, and *yet* true;

2Co 6:9 As unknown, and *yet* well known;

as dying, and, behold, we live;

as chastened [punished], and not killed;

2Co 6:10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;

as poor, yet making many rich;

as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

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

2Co 6:12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels [affections].

2Co 6:13 Now in a like exchange--I speak as to children--open wide *to us* also. (NASV)

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

2Co 6:14

## Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:

for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?

and what communion hath light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 And what concord hath **Christ** with **Belial [Satan]**?

or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel [unbeliever]?

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath **the temple of God** with idols?

for ye are **the temple of the living God**;

as **God hath said**,

I WILL DWELL IN THEM, AND WALK IN <i>THEM</i> ; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.	<b>Exo 29:45</b> And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. <b>Lev 26:12</b> And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.
2Co 6:17 WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord,  AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN <i>THING</i> ;	<b>Num 16:26</b> And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. <b>Isa 52:11</b> Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean <i>thing</i> ; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

and I will receive you,

2Co 6:18 And will be a **Father** unto you,

and ye shall be my sons and daughters,

saith **the Lord Almighty**.

Note: This quote is not found in the Bible.

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

## Paul's Joy over the church in Corinth

2Co 7:2 Receive us;

we have wronged no man,

we have corrupted no man,

we have defrauded 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*.

2Co 7:4 Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you,

great *is* my glorying of you:

I am filled with comfort,

I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

2Co 7:5 For, when we were come into **Macedonia**,

our flesh had no rest,

but we were troubled [afflicted] on every side;

without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.

2Co 7:6 Nevertheless **God**, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted 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 leading to Genuine 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**: 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 to salvation** not to be repented of [without regret]: 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 [earnestness] it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing [vindication] of yourselves, 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.

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.

## The Joy of Titus

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 impoverished churches of Macedonia joyfully giving beyond their means

2Co 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of [make known] 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 [expected],

but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of **God**.

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

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 [gracious work] 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.

2Co 8:10 And herein I give *my* advice:  
for this is expedient for you,

who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do <i>this</i> , but also to desire <i>to do it</i> . (NASV)	who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. (KJV)
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2Co 8:11 Now therefore perform the doing *of it*;

that just as <i>there was</i> the readiness to desire it, so <i>there</i> <i>may be</i> also the completion of it by your ability. (NASV)	that as <i>there was</i> a readiness to will, so <i>there may be</i> a performance also out of that which ye have. (KJV)
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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 <i>had gathered</i> much had nothing over; and he that <i>had gathered</i> little had no lack.	<b>Exo 16:18</b> And when they did mete [measured] <i>it</i> with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.
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## Commendation of Titus

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.

2Co 8:18 And we have sent with him the brother, (Note: Apollos Act 18:24, 1Co 16:12, Tit 3:13)  
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 [gracious  
work],

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.

2Co 8:23 Whether *any do enquire of Titus, he is* my partner and fellowhelper 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.

### A collection prepared in advance

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*.

### The 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.

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.

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.	<b>Psa 112:9</b> He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
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2Co 9:10 Now <b>He</b> who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing (NASV)	2Co 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for <i>your</i> food, and multiply your seed sown, (KJV)
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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 [needs] 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.

## Paul Defends His Ministry

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.

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.

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.

## Warning about Infiltrators

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.

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.

2Co 11:12 But what I am doing, I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting. (NASV)	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. (KJV poor translation here)
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2Co 11:13 For such *are* **false apostles, deceitful workers**, transforming [**disguising**] **themselves** into [as] the  
**apostles of Christ**.

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

2Co 11:15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if **his ministers also be** transformed [**desguised**] **as the ministers of  
righteousness**;

whose end shall be according to their works.

## Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle

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 [bear] fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise.

2Co 11:20 For ye suffer [bear up],  
if a man bring you into bondage [slavery],  
if a man devour *you*,  
if a man take [advantage] *of you*,  
if a man exalt himself,  
if a man smite you on the face.

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.

2Co 11:23 Are they ministers of **Christ**? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more;

in labours more abundant,  
in prisons more frequent,  
in stripes [beatings] above measure, in {danger of} deaths oft.  
• 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;

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;

2Co 11:27 In weariness and painfulness,  
in watchings [sleepless nights] often,  
in hunger and thirst, in fastings often,  
in cold and nakedness.

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? [NASV: Who is led into sin without my intense concern?]

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

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

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.

## A thorn to prevent pride resulting from many visions

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.

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.

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 for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness**.  
Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of **Christ** may rest upon me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure

- in infirmities,
- in reproaches,
- in necessities,
- in persecutions,
- in distresses

for **Christ's** sake: for **when I am weak, then am I strong**.

## Concern for the Corinthian Church

2Co 12:11 I am become a fool in glorying;  
ye have compelled 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,  
in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

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.

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 and lasciviousness [lusting] which they have committed.

## Final Warnings

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.

**Deu 17:6** At the mouth of two witnesses, or three  
witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to  
death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be  
put to death.

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 yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;  
prove your own selves.  
Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ** is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2Co 13:6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

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.

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 Closing

2Co 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell.

Be perfect,  
be of good comfort,  
be of one mind,  
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** of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, *be* with you all. Amen.

The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.