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Here is a brief Summary of the Book of 2nd CORINTHIANS:

--"God comforts us in --all our afflictions."

--"God always helps us to Overcome in Christ."

--"We groan inside to be clothed with our eternal new body from Heaven."

"We must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ."

--"God loves a cheerful giver."

--"Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

--"Paul describes his many physical sufferings for the Gospel of God such as whippings, beatings, jail time, etc.

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Book of 2nd CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

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

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort --who Comforts us in --All our Afflictions/hard times/trials/tests.

5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also --our Comfort-- is abundant through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the persons enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves, --so that we would Not trust in ourselves-- --but in God who Raises the Dead/the Resurrection.

10 Who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, 11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

12 For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our Conscience, --that in Holiness and total Honesty --not in fleshly wisdom but in the Grace of God, --we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end; 14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours-- in the Day of our Lord Jesus.

15 In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a blessing; 16 that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea. 17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no at the same time? 18 But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no but is yes in Him.

20 For as many as are the Promises of God --in Him they are Amen/Yes/may they be done-- therefore also through Him is our Amen to the Glory of God through us.

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and Anointed us is God, 22 --who also Sealed Us--and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

23 But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth. 24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

CHAPTER 2

1 But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. 2 For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

3 And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe. 6 This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a person, 7 so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. 8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.

9 For to this end I also wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sake's in the presence of Christ, 11 lest satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.

14 --Thanks be to God, who Always leads/helps us to --Overcome/triumph in Christ and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

15 For we are a fragrance/perfume of Christ to God among those --Who Are Being Saved.

And among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the

other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? 17 For we are not like many/liars/hypocrites, peddling the Word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

CHAPTER 3

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all people; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the New Covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the people of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how much more the ministry of the Spirit is with never-ending abundant Glory?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of Righteousness abound in Glory. 10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

12 Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, 13 and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant/testament --the same veil remains on them, because --it is only Removed in Jesus Christ.

15 But to this day whenever Moses/the Pentateuch is read, a veil/fog/darkness --lies over their heart; 16 but whenever a person turns to the Jesus --the veil/darkness is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding/looking as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord --are Being Transformed into the same Image --from glory to glory,
just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating/changing the Word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every person's Conscience --in the sight of God.

3 And even if our gospel is hidden/veiled, it is hidden --to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world/satan --has Blinded/darkened --the Minds of the Unbelieving --so that they might Not see the Light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the Image of God.

5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said/commanded that, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shined in our hearts to give the Light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this Treasure --in earthen vessels/bodies, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body --the dying of Jesus Christ, so that the Life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed; therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak, 14 knowing that God who raised the Lord Jesus will Raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sake's, so that the Grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of Thanks to abound to the Glory of God.

16 Therefore we do Not lose heart, but though our outer person/body is decaying/getting old --yet our Inner Person/born-again --is being Renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary, light Afflictions are producing for us an Eternal Weight of Glory far beyond all comparison. 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/perishing --

--but the things of God --which are not seen --are Eternal.

CHAPTER 5

1 For we know that if the earthly tent/body/earth suit which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house/body --not made with hands --Eternal in the Heavens.

2 For indeed in this house/body --we groan, longing to be --Clothed with our dwelling/body/habitation from Heaven,

3 And when we put it on, we will not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this body, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God --who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge/guarantee.

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— 7 for we Walk by Faith --Not by Sight—

8 we are of good Courage, I say, and --prefer rather to be Absent from the body and to be at home in Heaven with the Lord. 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent --to be Pleasing to God.

10 For we must --All Appear before --**the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ—**
so that each one may be --recompensed/Rewarded --for our deeds/Works in the body --according to what we have Done—whether it was good or bad.

11 Therefore, knowing the Fear/terror of the Lord, we witness, teach and try to persuade people --to come to God and Repent, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might No Longer --live for themselves --
--but for Jesus Christ who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are --a New being/creation --and the Old Things/sinful works/bad memories --are passed away --behold, all things become new.

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ.

--Repent of any Sins --and be reconciled/in right standing to God.

21 God made Jesus Christ who knew no sin --to Be Sin on our behalf,
--so that we Might become --the Righteousness of God --in Him.

CHAPTER 6

1 And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the Grace of God in vain— 2 for He says,

“At the acceptable time I listened to you,

And on the day of salvation I helped you. “Behold,

--Now is the Time --Be Aware! --Now/today --is the Day of Salvation.

3 Giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, 4 but in everything commending ourselves as Servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,

7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and the left, 8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; 9 as unknown --yet well-known/to God, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich/in God,

--as having Nothing/in this world --yet Possessing All Things/Overcomers Rewards—
in God's Kingdom.

11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. 12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. 13 Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide to us also.

14 Do Not be --bound/yoked together with Unbelievers;-- for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what Fellowship --has Light with Darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with false religions/doctrines,
or --what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the

temple of God with idols?

--For we are the Temple --of the living God; just as God said,

--I will dwell in them and walk among them;

And I will be their God, and --they shall be My people.

17 Therefore --come out/Leave from --the midst of evil sinful worldly-minded people and Be Separate/sanctified --says Almighty God.

“And do not touch what is unclean;

And I will welcome/receive you.

18 And I will be a Father to you,

And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,”

Says the Lord.

CHAPTER 7

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us --Cleanse Ourselves --from all defilement/sins of flesh and spirit --perfecting Holiness --in the Fear of God.

2 Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. 3 I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. 4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

10 For the Godly Sorrow that is according to the Will of God --produces a Repentance without regret/or having to keep repenting of --that leads to Salvation,

but the repentance/sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what cleaning of yourselves,

what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 12 Therefore, although I

wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of them who had done the wrong, nor for the

sake of those who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. 15 And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. 16 Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

CHAPTER 8

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love, we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. 8 I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

9 For you know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich in Heaven --yet for your sake He became poor on this earth, so that you through His poverty might become --eternally rich in Rewards in Heaven living and having fellowship with him.

10 I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. 11 But now finish doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability.

12 If there be a Willing Mind --it is acceptable according to what a person has, and --not according to what they don't have. 13 For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality— 14 at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality; 15 as it is written, “Whoever gathered much did not have too much, and whoever gathered little had no

lack.”

16 But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17 For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. 18 And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches,

19 and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind, 20 avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us 21 providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of people.

22 And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you. 23 If anyone has inquiries about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. 24 Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

CHAPTER 9

1 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is unnecessary for me to write to you; 2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. 3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready,

4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

6 Now this I say, whoever sows/gives sparingly --will also reap sparingly,
--and whoever sows/gives bountifully --will also reap bountifully.

7 Each one must do/give just as they have purposed in their hearts,
--not grudgingly or under compulsion/forced to,
For --God loves --a Cheerful Giver.

8 And God is able to make All Grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything --you may have an Abundance --for every good deed/works.

9 As it is written,
“They scattered abroad --they Gave to the Poor,
--Their Righteousness --endures forever.”

10 Now God who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality/giving things away, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only --
--fully supplying/meeting the Needs --of the Saints -- but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the Gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gifts/rewards/help.

CHAPTER 10

1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent. 2 I ask that when I am present, I need not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not fight like the world does wars,

4 for the Weapons of our Warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of evil fortresses/strongholds. 5 We are destroying religious Lies, and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and
-- we are taking every Thought Captive --to the Obedience of Christ.

6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's. 8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—

9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters. 10 “For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible/mean-spirited.” 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves

among themselves, are not wise. 13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ,

15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other people's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, 16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

17 But "whoever glories, --let them --Glory in the Lord." 18 For not the person who commends themselves is approved, but whom the Lord approves/commends/has pleasure in.

CHAPTER 11

1 I would that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed, you are bearing with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure Virgin. 3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness/lies, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of --devotion/serving to Christ.

4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have Not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. 5 For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles. 6 But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made this evident to you in all things.

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, Disguising themselves as apostles/ministers/evangelists of Christ.

14 No wonder, for even satan disguises himself --as an angel of light/false religions and doctrines. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose End --will be according to their Deeds.

16 Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if you do, receive me even as foolish, so that I also may boast a little. 17 What I am saying, I am not saying as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. 18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I will boast also.

19 For you, being so wise, tolerate the foolish gladly. 20 For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you, anyone devours you, anyone takes advantage of you, anyone exalts themselves, anyone hits you in the face. 21 To my shame I must say that we have been

weak by comparison. But in whatever respect anyone else is bold—I speak in foolishness—I am just as bold myself.

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? —I speak as if I was a fool—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

24 -- Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine whipping lashes --
25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep/ocean. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren/fake saints.

27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights,
--in hunger and thirst, Often without Food, in cold and exposure. 28 Apart from all these external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

CHAPTER 12

1 Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man/Paul himself --in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man --was caught up to the Third Heaven/where God's Kingdom is.

3 And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows --was caught up into Paradise/Heaven and heard inexpressible words, which a person can't comprehend to explain about here. 5 On behalf of such a man I will boast; but --on my own behalf I will Not Boast --except in regard to my weaknesses.

6 For if I do wish to boast I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one will credit me with more than they see in me or hears from me.

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from Exalting Myself, there was given me a Thorn in the flesh/ (Not a sickness, disease, or blindness), but a messenger of satan to torment me/ --(wherever Paul preached satan -- got the peoples/Thorns --stirred up against him)—to keep me from exalting myself.

8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it/ (the demons getting the people to persecute and torment me might leave me alone).

9 And He has said to me, “My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in

weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses/Thorns, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak/battling thorns in the flesh --then I am strong.

11 I have become foolish; and you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. 12 The signs of a True Apostle were performed among you with all Faith --by doing Signs and Wonders and Miracles/in Jesus Christ's Name.

13 For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong.

CHAPTER 13

1 This is the third time I am coming to you.

--Every fact/matter/word is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses. 2 I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again, I will not spare anyone,

3 since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. 4 For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.

5 Test Yourselves --to see if you are --In the Faith --Examine Yourselves.

Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you have become a backslider and won't repent? 6 But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves are not backsliders. 7 Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved.

8 --For we can do nothing against the truth --but only for the Truth.

9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak, but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete. 10 For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, Rejoice --be made complete/Mature in Christ, be comforted, be like-minded --Live in Peace -- and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss/embrace/hug. 13 All the saints greet you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
--and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit --be with you all.

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