

2 Corinthians

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

A.

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

b. 4 Who **comforteth** us in all our **tribulation**,

b'. that we may be able to **comfort** them which are in any **trouble**,

a'. by the **comfort** wherewith we ourselves are **comforted of God** .

B.5 For as the **sufferings** of Christ **abound** in us, so our **consolation** also **aboundeth** by Christ.

A'.

a. 6 And whether we be **afflicted**, it is for your **consolation and salvation**,

b. which is **effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings** which we also **suffer**:

a'. or whether we be **comforted**, it is for your **consolation and salvation**.

b'. 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**.

A. 8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our **trouble** which came to **us** in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

B. 9 But we had the sentence of **death** in ourselves, that we should not **trust** in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

B'. 10 Who delivered us from so great a **death**, and doth deliver: in whom we **trust** that he will yet deliver *us*;

A'. 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.

A. 12 For our **rejoicing** 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.

B. 13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or **acknowledge**;

C. and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

B'. 14 As also ye have **acknowledged** us in part,

A'. that we are your **rejoicing**, even as ye also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

A. 15 And in this confidence I was minded **to come unto you** before, that ye might have a second benefit; 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.

B. 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?**

C. 18 **But as God is true**, our word toward you was **not yea and nay**.

D. 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**.

C'. 20 For all the promises of God in him *are* **yea**, and in him **Amen, unto the glory of God** by us.

B'. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of **the Spirit** in our hearts.

A'.a. 23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you **I came** not as yet unto Corinth.

b. 24 Not for that we have dominion over your **faith**,

c. 24 but are helpers of your joy:

b'. for **by faith** ye stand.

a'. 2:1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not **come** again to you in heaviness. 2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

A. 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.(4a) For out of much affliction and anguish of heart **I wrote** unto you with many tears;

B. 4 not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the **love** which I have more abundantly unto you.

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

*D. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.
7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him,*

C'. lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch **sorrow**.

B'. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your **love** toward him.

A'. 9 For to this end also did **I write**, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. 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; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

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

B. 14 Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest **the savour (osme)** of his knowledge by us in every place.

C. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour (euodia) of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

B'. 16 To the one *we are* **the savour (osme)** of death unto death; and to the other **the savour (osme)** of life unto life.

A'. And **who is sufficient** for these things?

A. 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.

B. 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? 2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: 3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared 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.

C. 4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 6 Who also hath made us able ministers of **the new testament**; not of the letter, but of the **spirit**: for the letter killeth, but the **spirit** giveth life. 7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was **glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away**: 8 How shall not the ministration of **the spirit** be rather glorious?

D. 9 **For if** the ministration of condemnation be **glory, much more** doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in **glory**.

E. 10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

D'. 11 **For if** that which is done away was **glorious, much more** that which remaineth is **glorious**.

C'. 12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 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**: 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. 15 But even unto this day, when **Moses** is read, the vail is upon their heart. 16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

B'. 17 Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by **the Spirit of the Lord**.

A'. 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 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.**

A. 4:3 But if our gospel be **hid**, it is **hid** to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath **blinded** the minds of them which believe not, lest the **light** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should **shine** unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 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.

B. 7 But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellency of the power may be **of God, and not of us**. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

C. 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. 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. 12 So then death worketh in **us**, but life in **you**.

D. 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;

C'. 14 Knowing that he which **raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus**, and shall present **us with you**.

B'.15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many **redound to the glory of God**. 16 For which cause we faint not; but **though our outward man perish**, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

A'. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of **glory**; 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.

A. 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. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with

our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 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.**

B. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing **is God**, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

C. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst 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 confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from **the body**, and **to be present with the Lord.**

D. 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

C'.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.

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

A'. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 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.**

A. 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. 17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature:

B. old things are passed away; behold, all things are **become** (Gk *ginomai*) new.

C.18 18 And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled** us to himself by Jesus Christ,

D. and hath given to us the ministry of **reconciliation**;

E.19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;

D'. and hath committed unto us the word of **reconciliation**.

C'. 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.

B'. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be **made** (Gk *ginomai*) the righteousness of God

A'. **in him**.

A. 6:1 **We then, as workers together with him,**

B. beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

C. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in **a time accepted**, and in **the day of salvation** have I succoured thee:

C'. behold, now is **the accepted time**; behold, now is **the day of salvation**.)

B'. 3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

A'. 4 But in all things approving **ourselves as the ministers of God,**

i.
in much patience,
in afflictions,
in necessities,
in distresses,
5 In stripes,
in imprisonments,
in tumults,
in labours,
in watchings,
in fastings;

ii.
6 By pureness,
by knowledge,

by longsuffering,
by kindness,
by the Holy Ghost,
by love unfeigned,
7 By the word of truth,
by the power of God,
by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
8 By honour and dishonour,
by evil report and good report:

iii.
as deceivers, and yet true;
9 As unknown, and yet well known;
as dying, and, behold, we live;
as chastened, and not killed;
10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
as poor, yet making many rich;
as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

A. 11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is **enlarged**.

B. 12 Ye are not **straitened** in us,

B'. but ye are **straitened** in your own bowels.

A'. 13 Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also **enlarged**.

A. 14 Be ye not **unequally yoked together** with unbelievers:

B. i. for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?

ii. and what communion hath light with darkness?

iii. 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial?

iv. or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

v. 16 And what agreement hath **the temple of God** with idols?

B'. for ye are **the temple of the living God**; as God hath said,

i. I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

ii. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

iii.18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

A'. 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.

A. 2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. 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.

B. 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. 5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, that **comforteth** those that are cast down, **comforted** us by the coming of **Titus**; 7 And not by his coming only, but by the **consolation** wherewith he was **comforted** in you,

C. when he told us your **earnest desire**, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

D. 8 For though I made you **sorry** with a letter, I do not **repent**, though I did **repent**:

E. for I perceive that the same epistle hath **made you sorry**, though it were but for a season.

F.(9) Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance:

E'. for **ye were made sorry** after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

D'.10 For godly **sorrow** worketh **repentance** to salvation not to be **repented** of: but the **sorrow** of the world worketh death.

C'. 11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing 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.

B'.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. 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. 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. 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.

A'. 16 I rejoyce therefore that I have confidence in you in all things.

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

B. 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**. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the **ministering to the saints**.

C. 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. 6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish **in you the same grace** also. 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**.

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

E. 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**. 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. 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.

F. i. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

ii. 14 **But by an equality,**

iii. **that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want,**

iii'. **that their abundance also may be a supply for your want:**

ii'. that **there may be equality:**

i'. 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

G. 16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of **Titus** for you. 17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

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

I. 20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: 21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

H'. 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.

G'. 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.

F'. 24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

E'. 9:1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 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. 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: 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. 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.

D'. 6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; **and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.** 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.

C'. 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: 9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. 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;)

B'. 11 Being **enriched** in every thing to all **bountifulness (G572)**, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For **the administration** of this service not only supplieth the want **of the saints**, but is **abundant** also by many thanksgivings unto God; 13 Whiles by the experiment of **this ministration** they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your **liberal (G572)** distribution unto them, and unto all men; 14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

A'. 15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable **gift.**

A. 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: 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.

B. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to **the pulling down (G2506)** of strong holds;)

C. 5 Casting down (G2507) imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

B'. 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. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your **destruction (G2506)**, I should not be ashamed:

A'. 9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. 10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; **but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.** 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**.

A. 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.

B. 13 But **we will not boast of things without our measure**,

C. but **according** to the measure of **the rule** which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

D. 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:

B'. 15 **Not boasting of things without our measure**, that is, of other men's labours;

C'. but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you **according to our rule** abundantly,

D'. 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.

A'. 17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 18 For not he that **commendeth himself** is approved, but whom the Lord **commendeth**.

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

B. 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**.

C. 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.

B'. 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.

A'. 5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. 6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.

A. 11:7 **Have I committed an offence** in abasing myself that ye might be exalted,

B. because I have preached to you the gospel of God **freely?**

C. 8 I robbed **other churches, taking wages of them**, to do you service.

D. 9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man:

C'. for that which was lacking to me **the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied:**

B'. and **in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you**, and so will I keep myself. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

A'. 11 Wherefore? **because I love you not?** God knoweth.

A. 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.

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

C. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

B'.15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be **transformed as** the ministers of righteousness;

A'. whose end shall be according to their works.

A. 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.

B. 17 That which **I speak, I speak** it not after the Lord, but as it were **foolishly**, in this confidence of **boasting**.

B'. 18 Seeing that many **glory** after the flesh, I will **glory** also.

A'. 19 For ye suffer **fools** gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. 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. 21 **I speak** as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak **foolishly**;) I am bold also.

A.

i. 22 Are they Hebrews? **so am I**.

ii. Are they Israelites? **so am I**.

iii. Are they the seed of Abraham? **so am I**.

iv. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) **I am more**;

B.

i. in labours **more abundant**,

ii. in stripes **above measure**,

iii. in prisons **more frequent**,

iv. in deaths **oft**.

C.

i. 24 Of the Jews **five times** received I forty stripes save one.

ii. 25 **Thrice** was I beaten with rods,

iii. **once** was I stoned,

iv. **thrice** I suffered shipwreck,

v. **a night and a day** I have been in the deep;

D.

i. 26 In journeyings often,

ii. in perils of waters,

- iii. in perils of robbers,
- iv. in perils by mine own countrymen,
- v. in perils by the heathen,
- vi. in perils in the city,
- vii. in perils in the wilderness,
- viii. in perils in the sea,
- ix. in perils among false brethren;
- x. 27 In weariness and painfulness,
- xi. in watchings often,
- xii. in hunger and thirst,
- xiii. in fastings often,
- xiv. in cold and nakedness.
- xv. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

A. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, **I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.** 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: 33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

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

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

- C'. i. 3 And **I knew such a man,**
- ii'. (**whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;**)

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

B'. 5 Of such an one will I **glory:**

A'. yet of myself **I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.** 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.

A. 7 And **lest I should be exalted above measure** through the abundance of the revelations,

B. there was given to me a thorn in the flesh,

B'. the messenger of Satan to buffet me,

A'. lest I should be exalted above measure.

A. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:for **my strength is made perfect in weakness.**

B. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my **infirmities,**

C. that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

B'. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in **infirmities,** in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake:

A'. **for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

A. 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. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

B. 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.

C. 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; **and I will not be burdensome to you:**

D. for **I seek not yours, but you:**

E. for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

D'. 15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent **for you**; though the more abundantly **I love you**, the less I be loved.

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

B'. 17 **Did I make a gain of you** by any of them whom I sent unto you? 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?

A'. 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.

A. 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:

B. lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

A'. 21 And lest, **when I come again**, my God will humble me among you,

B'. and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

A". 13;1 **This is the third time I am coming to you.**

B". In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

A"" 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**,

B"" I will not spare:

A. 3 Since ye seek a **proof** (*dokime*) of Christ speaking in me,

B. which to you-ward is not **weak**, but is **mighty** (*dynatao*) in you.

C. 4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God.

B'. For we also are **weak** in him, but we shall live with him by the **power (dynamis)** of God toward you.

A'. 5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove (dokimezo)** your own selves.

A. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ** is in you, except ye be **reprobates (adokimos)** ?

B. 6 But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.(*adokimos*).

C. 7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil;

B'. not that we should appear **approved (dokimos)** , but that ye should do that which is honest,

A'. though we be as **reprobates (adokimos)**.

8. For we can do nothing **against the truth, but for the truth.**

9 For we are glad, when **we are weak, and ye are strong**: and this also we wish, even your perfection.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.**

A. 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. 12 **Greet** one another with an holy kiss.13 All the saints **salute** you.14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.