# 2025-2026 CMA Corinthians Reference Materials

## 1 Corinthians 1

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 1 | - | Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our *brother* ***Sosthenes***, |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 2 | - | To the church of God in *Corinth*, to those *sanctified* in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy *people*, *together* with all those *everywhere* who *call* on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--*their* Lord and ***ours***: |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 3 | - | Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. |

### Thanksgiving

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 4 | - | I *always* thank my God for you because of his grace *given* you in Christ Jesus. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 5 | - | For in him you have *been* *enriched* in every *way*--with all *kinds* of *speech* and with all knowledge-- |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 6 | - | God ***thus*** ***confirming*** our *testimony* *about* Christ among you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 7 | - | Therefore you do not *lack* any *spiritual* *gift* as you *eagerly* *wait* for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 8 | - | He will also *keep* you *firm* to the *end*, so that you will be ***blameless*** on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 9 | - | God is *faithful*, who has called you *into* *fellowship* with his *Son*, Jesus Christ our Lord. |

### A Church Divided Over Leaders

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 10 | - | I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you ***agree*** with one another in what you say and that there be no *divisions* among you, but that you be *perfectly* *united* in *mind* and *thought*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 11 | - | My brothers and sisters, *some* from ***Chloe's*** household have ***informed*** me that there are ***quarrels*** among you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 12 | - | What I *mean* is this: One of you *says*, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow *Apollos*"; another, "I follow *Cephas*"; *still* another, "I follow Christ." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 13 | - | Is Christ *divided*? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 14 | - | I thank God that I did not baptize any of you *except* ***Crispus*** and ***Gaius***, |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 15 | - | so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 16 | - | (*Yes*, I also baptized the household of *Stephanas*; *beyond* that, I *don't* *remember* *if* I baptized *anyone* else.) |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 17 | - | For Christ did not *send* me to baptize, but to preach the *gospel*--not with wisdom and *eloquence*, ***lest*** the cross of Christ be ***emptied*** of its power. |

### Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 18 | - | For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are *perishing*, but to us who are being *saved* it is the power of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 19 | - | For it is written: "I will *destroy* the wisdom of the wise; the ***intelligence*** of the ***intelligent*** I will ***frustrate***." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 20 | - | Where is the wise *person*? Where is the ***teacher*** of the *law*? Where is the ***philosopher*** of this age? Has not God *made* foolish the wisdom of the world? |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 21 | - | For *since* in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *know* him, God was *pleased* through the foolishness of what was preached to *save* those who *believe*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 22 | - | Jews ***demand*** *signs* and Greeks *look* for wisdom, |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 23 | - | but we preach Christ crucified: *a* stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to *Gentiles*, |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 24 | - | but to those *whom* God has called, *both* Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 25 | - | For the foolishness of God is ***wiser*** than human wisdom, and the *weakness* of God is *stronger* than human ***strength***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 26 | - | Brothers and sisters, *think* of what you were *when* you were called. Not many of you were wise by human *standards*; not many were ***influential***; not many were of ***noble*** ***birth***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 27 | - | But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the *weak* things of the world to shame the *strong*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 28 | - | God chose the ***lowly*** things of this world and the ***despised*** things--and the things that are not--to ***nullify*** the things that are, |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 29 | - | so that no one *may* boast *before* him. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 30 | - | It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has *become* for us wisdom from God--that is, our *righteousness*, *holiness* and ***redemption***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 1 | : | 31 | - | Therefore, as it is written: "*Let* the one who boasts boast in the Lord." |

## 1 Corinthians 2

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 1 | - | And so it was with *me*, *brothers* and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with *eloquence* or human wisdom as I ***proclaimed*** to you the testimony about God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 2 | - | For I ***resolved*** to *know* nothing *while* I was with you except *Jesus* Christ and him crucified. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 3 | - | I came to you in *weakness* with *great* *fear* and trembling. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 4 | - | My message and my *preaching* *were* not with *wise* and ***persuasive*** words, but with a ***demonstration*** of the ***Spirit's*** power, |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 5 | - | so that your *faith* *might* not *rest* on human wisdom, but on God's power. |

### God's Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 6 | - | We *do*, however, speak a message of wisdom *among* the ***mature***, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are *coming* to nothing. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 7 | - | No, we *declare* God's wisdom, a *mystery* that has *been* *hidden* and that God ***destined*** for *our* glory *before* *time* ***began***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 8 | - | None of the rulers of this age *understood* it, for if they *had*, they *would* not have crucified the Lord of glory. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 9 | - | However, as it is *written*: "What no *eye* has *seen*, what no *ear* has *heard*, and what no human mind has ***conceived***"-- the things God has ***prepared*** for those who *love* him-- |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 10 | - | these are the things God has *revealed* to us by his Spirit. The Spirit ***searches*** all things, *even* the *deep* things of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 11 | - | For who knows a *person's* thoughts except *their* *own* spirit *within* them? In the same *way* no *one* knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 12 | - | What we have *received* is not the spirit of the *world*, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we *may* understand what God has *freely* *given* us. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 13 | - | This is what we speak, not in words *taught* us by human wisdom but in words *taught* by the Spirit, ***explaining*** *spiritual* ***realities*** with ***Spirit-taught*** words. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 14 | - | The person *without* the Spirit *does* not ***accept*** the things that come from the Spirit of God but ***considers*** them *foolishness*, and *cannot* understand them *because* they are ***discerned*** *only* *through* the Spirit. |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 15 | - | The person with the Spirit *makes* *judgments* about all things, but *such* a person is not *subject* to *merely* human *judgments*, |
|  | 1 Cor | 2 | : | 16 | - | for, "Who has *known* the mind of the Lord so as to *instruct* him?" But we have the mind of Christ. |

## 1 Corinthians 3

### The Church and Its Leaders

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 1 | - | Brothers and sisters, I *could* not ***address*** you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly--mere *infants* in Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 2 | - | I *gave* you *milk*, not ***solid*** *food*, for you were not yet ready for it. *Indeed*, you are still not ready. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 3 | - | You are still worldly. For *since* *there* is *jealousy* and ***quarreling*** *among* you, are you not worldly? Are you not *acting* *like* mere ***humans***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 4 | - | For *when* one *says*, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 5 | - | What, *after* all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only *servants*, through whom you *came* to *believe*--as the Lord has assigned to each *his* *task*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 6 | - | I ***planted*** the *seed*, Apollos ***watered*** it, but God has been *making* it grow. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 7 | - | So *neither* the one who plants *nor* the one who waters is anything, but only God, who *makes* things grow. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 8 | - | The one who plants and the one who waters *have* one *purpose*, and they will each be ***rewarded*** *according* to their *own* *labor*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 9 | - | For we are *co-workers* in God's *service*; you are God's ***field***, God's building. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 10 | - | By the grace God has *given* *me*, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should *build* with *care*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 11 | - | For no one *can* *lay* any foundation *other* than the one *already* laid, *which* is *Jesus* Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 12 | - | If anyone *builds* on this foundation ***using*** ***gold***, ***silver***, ***costly*** *stones*, ***wood***, ***hay*** or ***straw***, |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 13 | - | their work will be ***shown*** for what it is, *because* the *Day* will *bring* it to *light*. It will be *revealed* with *fire*, and the *fire* will *test* the ***quality*** of each *person's* work. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 14 | - | If what has been *built* ***survives***, the builder will receive a reward. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 15 | - | If it is ***burned*** *up*, the builder will *suffer* ***loss*** but yet will be *saved*--*even* *though* only as one ***escaping*** through the ***flames***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 16 | - | Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit ***dwells*** in *your* *midst*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 17 | - | If anyone ***destroys*** God's temple, God will *destroy* that *person*; for God's temple is ***sacred***, and you *together* are that temple. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 18 | - | Do not ***deceive*** yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this *age*, you should become "*fools*" so that you *may* become wise. |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 19 | - | For the wisdom of this world is *foolishness* in God's *sight*. As it is *written*: "*He* ***catches*** the wise in their ***craftiness***"; |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 20 | - | and *again*, "The Lord *knows* that the thoughts of the wise are *futile*." |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 21 | - | So *then*, no *more* *boasting* *about* human ***leaders***! All things are yours, |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 22 | - | *whether* Paul or Apollos or *Cephas* or the world or *life* or *death* or the *present* or the ***future***--all are yours, |
|  | 1 Cor | 3 | : | 23 | - | and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God. |

## 1 Corinthians 4

### The Nature of True Apostleship

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 1 | - | This, then, is how you ought to *regard* us: as servants of Christ and as those ***entrusted*** with the *mysteries* God has revealed. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 2 | - | Now it is ***required*** that those who have been *given* a *trust* *must* *prove* faithful. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 3 | - | I *care* very *little* if I am *judged* by you or by *any* human *court*; *indeed*, I do not even judge myself. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 4 | - | My *conscience* is *clear*, but that *does* not make me *innocent*. It is the Lord who ***judges*** me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 5 | - | Therefore judge *nothing* *before* the ***appointed*** time; *wait* *until* the Lord *comes*. He will *bring* to *light* what is *hidden* in *darkness* and will ***expose*** the ***motives*** of the *heart*. At that time *each* will receive *their* *praise* from God. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 6 | - | Now, brothers and sisters, I have ***applied*** these things to myself and *Apollos* for your benefit, so that you *may* ***learn*** from us the meaning of the *saying*, "Do not go beyond what is *written*." Then you will not *be* ***puffed*** up in *being* a ***follower*** of one of us *over* *against* the other. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 7 | - | For who *makes* you *different* from *anyone* *else*? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, *why* do you *boast* as *though* you did not? |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 8 | - | Already you have *all* you *want*! Already you have become *rich*! You have *begun* to reign--and that *without* us! How I wish that you *really* had *begun* to reign so that we *also* *might* reign with you! |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 9 | - | For it *seems* to me that God has *put* us *apostles* *on* ***display*** at the end of the *procession*, *like* those *condemned* to *die* in the ***arena***. We have been *made* a ***spectacle*** to the *whole* ***universe***, to *angels* as *well* as to human beings. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 10 | - | We are *fools* for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are *strong*! You are *honored*, we are ***dishonored***! |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 11 | - | To this very *hour* we go *hungry* and ***thirsty***, we are in ***rags***, we are ***brutally*** *treated*, we are ***homeless***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 12 | - | We *work* *hard* with our *own* *hands*. When we are *cursed*, we *bless*; when we are *persecuted*, we *endure* it; |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 13 | - | when we are ***slandered***, we *answer* ***kindly***. We have become the ***scum*** of the earth, the ***garbage*** of the *world*--*right* up to this ***moment***. |

### Paul's Appeal and Warning

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 14 | - | I am writing this not to shame you but to ***warn*** you as my *dear* *children*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 15 | - | Even if you had *ten* *thousand* ***guardians*** in Christ, you do not have *many* ***fathers***, for in Christ Jesus I *became* your *father* *through* the gospel. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 16 | - | Therefore I urge you to ***imitate*** me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 17 | - | For this reason I have *sent* to you *Timothy*, my *son* *whom* I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will *remind* you of my way of *life* in Christ Jesus, *which* ***agrees*** with what I *teach* *everywhere* in *every* *church*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 18 | - | Some of you have become arrogant, as if I *were* not *coming* to you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 19 | - | But I will come to you very ***soon***, if the Lord is *willing*, and then I will *find* *out* not *only* how these arrogant *people* are *talking*, but what power *they* have. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 20 | - | For the kingdom of God is not a *matter* of *talk* but of power. |
|  | 1 Cor | 4 | : | 21 | - | What do you *prefer*? Shall I come to you with a ***rod*** of ***discipline***, or shall I come in love and with a ***gentle*** *spirit*? |

## 1 Corinthians 5

### Dealing With a Case of Incest

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 1 | - | It is ***actually*** ***reported*** that there is *sexual* *immorality* among you, and of a *kind* that even *pagans* do not *tolerate*: A man is ***sleeping*** with his ***father's*** *wife*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 2 | - | And you are *proud*! *Shouldn't* you *rather* have *gone* *into* ***mourning*** and have *put* *out* of your *fellowship* the man who has been doing this? |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 3 | - | For my *part*, even though I am not ***physically*** present, I am with you in spirit. As one who is present with you in this *way*, I have *already* *passed* *judgment* in the name of our Lord Jesus on the one who has been doing this. |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 4 | - | So *when* you are ***assembled*** and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 5 | - | *hand* this man *over* to *Satan* for the ***destruction*** of the *flesh*, so that his spirit may be *saved* on the day of the Lord. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 6 | - | Your *boasting* is not *good*. *Don't* you know that a *little* yeast ***leavens*** the *whole* batch of ***dough***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 7 | - | *Get* ***rid*** of the old yeast, so that you may be a *new* unleavened batch--as you *really* are. For Christ, our ***Passover*** ***lamb***, has been sacrificed. |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 8 | - | *Therefore* *let* *us* *keep* the ***Festival***, not with the old bread ***leavened*** with ***malice*** and *wickedness*, but with the unleavened bread of *sincerity* and *truth*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 9 | - | I wrote to you in my *letter* not to associate with sexually immoral people-- |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 10 | - | not *at* *all* *meaning* the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and *swindlers*, or *idolaters*. In that *case* you *would* have to ***leave*** this world. |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 11 | - | But *now* I am writing to you that you *must* not associate with anyone who ***claims*** to be a *brother* or *sister* but is sexually immoral or greedy, *an* ***idolater*** or ***slanderer***, a ***drunkard*** or ***swindler***. Do not even *eat* with *such* people. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 12 | - | *What* ***business*** is it of *mine* to judge those outside the *church*? Are you not to judge those ***inside***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 5 | : | 13 | - | God will judge those outside. "***Expel*** the ***wicked*** *person* *from* among you." |

## 1 Corinthians 6

### Lawsuits Among Believers

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 1 | - | If any of you has a dispute with another, do you *dare* to take it before the ***ungodly*** for *judgment* instead of before the Lord's people? |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 2 | - | Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not *competent* to judge ***trivial*** ***cases***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 3 | - | Do you not know that we will judge *angels*? *How* much *more* the things of this life! |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 4 | - | Therefore, if you have ***disputes*** *about* *such* *matters*, do you *ask* for a ***ruling*** from *those* ***whose*** *way* of life is ***scorned*** in the church? |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 5 | - | I say this to shame you. Is it *possible* that there is *nobody* among you *wise* *enough* to judge a dispute *between* *believers*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 6 | - | But instead, one *brother* *takes* another to *court*--and this in ***front*** of unbelievers! |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 7 | - | The *very* *fact* that you have ***lawsuits*** among you *means* you have *been* ***completely*** ***defeated*** *already*. Why not rather be *wronged*? Why not rather be ***cheated***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 8 | - | Instead, you *yourselves* ***cheat*** and do *wrong*, and you do this to your *brothers* and sisters. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 9 | - | Or do you not know that ***wrongdoers*** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be *deceived*: *Neither* the sexually *immoral* nor *idolaters* nor ***adulterers*** nor men who have ***sex*** with men |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 10 | - | nor ***thieves*** nor the *greedy* nor ***drunkards*** nor ***slanderers*** nor *swindlers* will inherit the kingdom of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 11 | - | And that is *what* *some* of you were. But you were ***washed***, you were *sanctified*, you were ***justified*** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of *our* God. |

### Sexual Immorality

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 12 | - | "I have the right to do anything," you say--but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"--but I will not be ***mastered*** by anything. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 13 | - | You say, "Food for the *stomach* and the *stomach* for food, and God will *destroy* them *both*." The body, *however*, is not ***meant*** for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 14 | - | By *his* *power* God *raised* the Lord from the *dead*, and he will *raise* *us* *also*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 15 | - | Do you not know that your bodies are *members* of Christ himself? *Shall* I *then* take the *members* of Christ and ***unite*** them with a prostitute? *Never*! |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 16 | - | Do you not know that he who ***unites*** himself with a prostitute is one with *her* in body? For it is *said*, "The *two* will *become* one *flesh*." |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 17 | - | But whoever is *united* with the Lord is one with him in spirit. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 18 | - | Flee from sexual immorality. *All* *other* sins a *person* ***commits*** are *outside* the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins *against* *their* own body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 19 | - | Do you not know that your bodies are ***temples*** of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; |
|  | 1 Cor | 6 | : | 20 | - | you were bought at a *price*. Therefore *honor* God with your bodies. |

## 1 Corinthians 7

### Concerning Married Life

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 1 | - | Now for the *matters* you *wrote* about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 2 | - | But *since* sexual *immorality* is ***occurring***, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 3 | - | The husband should ***fulfill*** his ***marital*** ***duty*** to his wife, and *likewise* the wife to her husband. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 4 | - | The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 5 | - | Do not *deprive* each *other* *except* *perhaps* by ***mutual*** ***consent*** and for a time, so that you may ***devote*** *yourselves* to *prayer*. Then *come* *together* *again* so that *Satan* will not ***tempt*** you because of your *lack* of ***self-control***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 6 | - | I say this as a ***concession***, not as a command. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 7 | - | I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, *another* has that. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 8 | - | Now to the unmarried and the ***widows*** I say: It is good for them to *stay* unmarried, as I do. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 9 | - | But if they *cannot* control *themselves*, they should marry, for it is better to marry *than* to *burn* with ***passion***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 10 | - | To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not *separate* from her husband. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 11 | - | But if she does, she must remain unmarried or *else* be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 12 | - | To the *rest* I say this (I, not the Lord): If *any* brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 13 | - | And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 14 | - | For the *unbelieving* husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the *unbelieving* wife has been sanctified through her *believing* husband. *Otherwise* your *children* would be *unclean*, but as it is, they are *holy*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 15 | - | But if the *unbeliever* *leaves*, let it be so. The brother or the *sister* is not bound in such ***circumstances***; God has called *us* to live in peace. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 16 | - | How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? |

### Concerning Change of Status

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 17 | - | *Nevertheless*, each person should live as a believer in *whatever* situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the ***rule*** I *lay* *down* in all the churches. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 18 | - | Was a man *already* *circumcised* when he was called? He should not become *uncircumcised*. Was a man *uncircumcised* when he was called? He should not be *circumcised*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 19 | - | ***Circumcision*** is nothing and ***uncircumcision*** is nothing. *Keeping* *God's* ***commands*** is what ***counts***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 20 | - | Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 21 | - | Were you a slave when you were called? *Don't* let it *trouble* you--*although* if you can *gain* your *freedom*, do so. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 22 | - | For the one who was a slave when called to *faith* in the Lord is the Lord's ***freed*** person; ***similarly***, the one who was free when called is *Christ's* slave. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 23 | - | You were bought at a *price*; do not become ***slaves*** of human beings. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 24 | - | Brothers and sisters, each person, as ***responsible*** to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them. |

### Concerning the Unmarried

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 25 | - | Now about ***virgins***: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's *mercy* is ***trustworthy***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 26 | - | Because of the present ***crisis***, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 27 | - | Are you ***pledged*** to a woman? Do not *seek* to be ***released***. Are you free from such a ***commitment***? Do not look for a wife. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 28 | - | But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will *face* *many* *troubles* in this life, and I want to spare you this. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 29 | - | What I *mean*, brothers and sisters, is that the time is ***short***. From now *on* those who have ***wives*** should live as if they do not; |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 30 | - | those who ***mourn***, as if they did not; those who are *happy*, as if they were not; those who ***buy*** *something*, as if it were not ***theirs*** to keep; |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 31 | - | those who *use* the things of the world, as if not ***engrossed*** in them. For this world in *its* present *form* is *passing* away. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 32 | - | I would *like* you to be free from *concern*. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs--how he can please the Lord. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 33 | - | But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world--how he can please his wife-- |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 34 | - | and his ***interests*** are *divided*. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her ***aim*** is to be *devoted* to the Lord in *both* body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world--how she can please her husband. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 35 | - | I am *saying* this for your own good, not to ***restrict*** you, but that you may live in a right way in ***undivided*** *devotion* to the Lord. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 36 | - | If anyone is ***worried*** that he *might* not be *acting* ***honorably*** *toward* the virgin he is ***engaged*** to, and if his ***passions*** are too *strong* and he ***feels*** he *ought* to marry, he should do as he *wants*. He is not *sinning*. They should *get* married. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 37 | - | But the man who has ***settled*** the *matter* in his own mind, who is *under* no *compulsion* but has control over his own will, and who has made *up* his mind not to marry the virgin--this man *also* does the right *thing*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 38 | - | So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 39 | - | A woman is bound to her husband as long as he *lives*. But if her husband *dies*, she is free to marry anyone she ***wishes***, but he must *belong* to the Lord. |
|  | 1 Cor | 7 | : | 40 | - | In my judgment, she is ***happier*** if she ***stays*** as she is--and I think that I too have the Spirit of God. |

## 1 Corinthians 8

### Concerning Food Sacrificed to Idols

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 1 | - | Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all *possess* knowledge." But knowledge ***puffs*** up *while* *love* *builds* up. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 2 | - | Those who think they know *something* do not yet know as they *ought* to know. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 3 | - | But *whoever* *loves* God is *known* by God. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 4 | - | So *then*, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is *nothing* *at* all in the world" and that "There is no God but one." |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 5 | - | For *even* if there are ***so-called*** *gods*, *whether* in *heaven* or *on* *earth* (as *indeed* there are many "*gods*" and many "***lords***"), |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 6 | - | yet for us there is but one God, the *Father*, *from* whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one *Lord*, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 7 | - | But not *everyone* ***possesses*** this knowledge. *Some* people are *still* so ***accustomed*** to idols that when they eat ***sacrificial*** food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and *since* their conscience is weak, it is ***defiled***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 8 | - | But food does not *bring* us ***near*** to God; we are no ***worse*** if we do not eat, and no *better* if we do. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 9 | - | Be *careful*, *however*, that the ***exercise*** of your *rights* does not *become* a stumbling block to the weak. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 10 | - | For if *someone* with a weak conscience ***sees*** you, with all your knowledge, eating in an ***idol's*** *temple*, ***won't*** that person be ***emboldened*** to eat what is sacrificed to idols? |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 11 | - | So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ *died*, is *destroyed* by your knowledge. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 12 | - | When you sin against them in this way and ***wound*** their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 8 | : | 13 | - | Therefore, if what I eat ***causes*** *my* brother or sister to fall *into* sin, I will *never* eat *meat* *again*, so that I will not *cause* them to fall. |

## 1 Corinthians 9

### Paul's Rights as an Apostle

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 1 | - | Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not *seen* *Jesus* our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 2 | - | Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the *seal* of my ***apostleship*** in the Lord. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 3 | - | This is my ***defense*** to those who ***sit*** in judgment on me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 4 | - | Don't we have the right to food and drink? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 5 | - | Don't we have the right to *take* a *believing* *wife* *along* with us, as do the *other* *apostles* and the *Lord's* *brothers* and *Cephas*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 6 | - | *Or* is it only I and ***Barnabas*** who *lack* the right to not work for a living? |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 7 | - | Who ***serves*** as a ***soldier*** at *his* *own* ***expense***? Who *plants* a ***vineyard*** and does not *eat* its ***grapes***? Who ***tends*** a ***flock*** and does not drink the *milk*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 8 | - | Do I say this *merely* on *human* *authority*? Doesn't the Law say the same *thing*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 9 | - | For it is written in the Law of *Moses*: "Do not ***muzzle*** an ***ox*** *while* it is ***treading*** *out* the ***grain***." Is it *about* ***oxen*** that God is concerned? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 10 | - | Surely he *says* this for us, doesn't he? *Yes*, this *was* written for us, *because* *whoever* ***plows*** and ***threshes*** should be *able* to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 11 | - | If we have *sown* *spiritual* *seed* *among* you, is it too *much* if we *reap* a ***material*** harvest from you? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 12 | - | If others have this right of *support* from you, *shouldn't* we have it all the *more*? But we did not use this right. On the *contrary*, we put up with *anything* rather than ***hinder*** the gospel of Christ. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 13 | - | Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is *offered* on the altar? |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 14 | - | In the same way, the Lord *has* ***commanded*** that those who preach the gospel should *receive* their living from the gospel. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 15 | - | But I have not ***used*** *any* of *these* rights. And I am not *writing* this in the hope that you will do such things for me, for I would rather *die* than ***allow*** *anyone* to *deprive* me of this boast. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 16 | - | For when I preach the gospel, I *cannot* boast, *since* I am ***compelled*** to preach. ***Woe*** to me if I do not preach the gospel! |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 17 | - | If I preach *voluntarily*, I have a reward; if not *voluntarily*, I am ***simply*** ***discharging*** the *trust* *committed* to me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 18 | - | What then is my reward? *Just* this: that in *preaching* the gospel I may ***offer*** it free of *charge*, and so not make *full* use of my rights as a ***preacher*** of the gospel. |

### Paul's Use of His Freedom

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 19 | - | Though I am free and *belong* to no one, I have *made* myself a slave to everyone, to win as *many* as possible. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 20 | - | To the Jews I became like a ***Jew***, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 21 | - | To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from *God's* law but am under *Christ's* law), so as to win those not having the law. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 22 | - | To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have *become* all things to all *people* so that *by* all possible *means* I *might* *save* *some*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 23 | - | I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its ***blessings***. |

### The Need for Self-Discipline

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 24 | - | Do you not know that in a ***race*** all the ***runners*** run, but only one *gets* the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 25 | - | Everyone who ***competes*** in the ***games*** ***goes*** *into* ***strict*** ***training***. *They* do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last *forever*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 26 | - | Therefore I do not run like *someone* ***running*** ***aimlessly***; I do not *fight* like a ***boxer*** ***beating*** the air. |
|  | 1 Cor | 9 | : | 27 | - | No, I ***strike*** a ***blow*** to my body and make it my slave so that *after* I have *preached* to others, I myself will not be ***disqualified*** for the prize. |

## 1 Corinthians 10

### Warnings From Israel's History

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 1 | - | For I do not want you to be *ignorant* of the *fact*, *brothers* and sisters, that our ***ancestors*** were all *under* the cloud and that they all *passed* *through* the sea. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 2 | - | They were all *baptized* *into* *Moses* in the cloud and in the sea. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 3 | - | They all ***ate*** the same spiritual food |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 4 | - | and *drank* the same spiritual drink; for they *drank* from the spiritual *rock* that ***accompanied*** them, and that *rock* was Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 5 | - | *Nevertheless*, God was not *pleased* with *most* of them; their *bodies* were *scattered* in the ***wilderness***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 6 | - | Now these things ***occurred*** as examples to *keep* us from *setting* our *hearts* on *evil* things as they did. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 7 | - | Do not be *idolaters*, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people ***sat*** down to eat and drink and ***got*** *up* to ***indulge*** in ***revelry***." |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 8 | - | We should not ***commit*** *sexual* *immorality*, as some of them did--and in one *day* ***twenty-three*** *thousand* of them *died*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 9 | - | We should not *test* Christ, as some of them did--and were killed by ***snakes***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 10 | - | And do not ***grumble***, as some of them did--and were killed by the ***destroying*** *angel*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 11 | - | These things *happened* to them as examples and were written down as ***warnings*** for us, on *whom* the ***culmination*** of the ***ages*** has come. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 12 | - | So, if you think you are ***standing*** *firm*, be *careful* that you *don't* *fall*! |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 13 | - | No ***temptation*** has ***overtaken*** you *except* what is *common* to ***mankind***. And God is *faithful*; he will not *let* you be *tempted* *beyond* what you can *bear*. But when you are *tempted*, he will *also* ***provide*** a way *out* so that you can *endure* it. |

### Idol Feasts and the Lord's Supper

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 14 | - | Therefore, my dear *friends*, *flee* from ***idolatry***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 15 | - | I speak to ***sensible*** people; *judge* for yourselves what I say. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 16 | - | Is not the cup of *thanksgiving* for *which* we *give* *thanks* a participation in the *blood* of Christ? And is not the *bread* that we ***break*** a participation in the body of Christ? |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 17 | - | Because *there* is one *loaf*, we, who are many, are one body, for we all *share* the one loaf. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 18 | - | *Consider* the people of ***Israel***: Do not those who eat the sacrifices ***participate*** in the altar? |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 19 | - | Do I *mean* then that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 20 | - | No, but the sacrifices of *pagans* are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be ***participants*** with demons. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 21 | - | You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons *too*; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's *table* and the *table* of demons. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 22 | - | Are we *trying* to ***arouse*** the Lord's *jealousy*? Are we *stronger* *than* he? |

### The Believer's Freedom

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 23 | - | "I have the right to do anything," you say--but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"--but not everything is ***constructive***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 24 | - | No one should *seek* their own good, but the good of others. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 25 | - | Eat anything ***sold*** in the *meat* ***market*** without raising questions of conscience, |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 26 | - | for, "The *earth* is the Lord's, and everything in it." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 27 | - | If an *unbeliever* ***invites*** you to a meal and you want to *go*, eat whatever is *put* *before* you without raising questions of conscience. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 28 | - | But if *someone* *says* to you, "*This* has *been* offered in ***sacrifice***," then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who *told* you and for the sake of conscience. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 29 | - | I am ***referring*** to the *other* *person's* conscience, not *yours*. For why is my *freedom* *being* *judged* by ***another's*** conscience? |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 30 | - | If I *take* part in the meal with ***thankfulness***, why am I ***denounced*** because of something I thank God for? |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 31 | - | So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 32 | - | Do not *cause* *anyone* to ***stumble***, whether *Jews*, *Greeks* or the church of God-- |
|  | 1 Cor | 10 | : | 33 | - | even as I *try* to *please* *everyone* in every way. For I am not ***seeking*** my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. |

## 1 Corinthians 11

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 1 | - | Follow my *example*, as I follow the *example* of Christ. |

### On Covering the Head in Worship

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 2 | - | I praise you for ***remembering*** me in everything and for ***holding*** to the ***traditions*** *just* as I passed *them* on to you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 3 | - | But I want you to *realize* that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 4 | - | Every man who prays or prophesies with his head ***covered*** dishonors his head. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 5 | - | But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head--it is the same as *having* her head shaved. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 6 | - | For if a woman does not cover her head, she *might* as *well* have her hair cut *off*; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut *off* or her head shaved, then she should cover her head. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 7 | - | A man ought not to cover his head, *since* he is the *image* and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 8 | - | For man *did* not come from woman, but woman from man; |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 9 | - | *neither* was man ***created*** for woman, but woman for man. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 10 | - | It is for this *reason* that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, *because* of the *angels*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 11 | - | Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not *independent* of man, nor is man *independent* of woman. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 12 | - | For as woman *came* from man, so also man is *born* of woman. But everything comes from God. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 13 | - | Judge for *yourselves*: Is it *proper* for a woman to *pray* to God with her head uncovered? |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 14 | - | Does not the *very* ***nature*** of *things* *teach* you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 15 | - | but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a ***covering***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 16 | - | If anyone *wants* to be ***contentious*** *about* this, we have no *other* ***practice***--nor do the *churches* of God. |

### Correcting an Abuse of the Lord's Supper

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 17 | - | In the ***following*** ***directives*** I have no praise for you, for your ***meetings*** do more ***harm*** *than* *good*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 18 | - | In the *first* *place*, I ***hear*** that when you come together as a church, there are *divisions* among you, and to some *extent* I *believe* it. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 19 | - | No ***doubt*** there have to be ***differences*** among you to *show* which of you have *God's* ***approval***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 20 | - | So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 21 | - | for when you are *eating*, some of you *go* ***ahead*** with your own ***private*** ***suppers***. As a result, *one* *person* *remains* hungry and *another* *gets* ***drunk***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 22 | - | Don't you have ***homes*** to eat and drink in? Or do you ***despise*** the church of God by ***humiliating*** those who have *nothing*? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? ***Certainly*** not in this matter! |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 23 | - | For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the *night* he was ***betrayed***, took bread, |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 24 | - | and when he had given *thanks*, he ***broke*** it and *said*, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 25 | - | In the same way, *after* supper he took the cup, *saying*, "This cup is the new *covenant* in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 26 | - | For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you ***proclaim*** the Lord's *death* *until* he comes. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 27 | - | So then, *whoever* ***eats*** the bread or ***drinks*** the cup of the Lord in *an* ***unworthy*** *manner* will be ***guilty*** of *sinning* *against* the body and blood of the Lord. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 28 | - | *Everyone* ought to *examine* themselves *before* *they* eat of the bread and drink from the cup. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 29 | - | For those who eat and drink *without* discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 30 | - | That is *why* *many* among you are weak and ***sick***, and a ***number*** of you have fallen asleep. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 31 | - | But if we *were* more discerning with *regard* to *ourselves*, we would not come *under* *such* judgment. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 32 | - | Nevertheless, when we are *judged* in this way by the Lord, we are *being* ***disciplined*** so that we will not be *finally* *condemned* with the world. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 33 | - | So then, my brothers and sisters, when you ***gather*** to eat, you should *all* eat together. |
|  | 1 Cor | 11 | : | 34 | - | Anyone who is hungry should eat *something* *at* *home*, so that when you ***meet*** together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will *give* ***further*** ***directions***. |

## 1 Corinthians 12

### Concerning Spiritual Gifts

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 1 | - | Now about the gifts of the Spirit, *brothers* and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 2 | - | You know that when you were *pagans*, *somehow* or other you were ***influenced*** and *led* *astray* to ***mute*** *idols*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 3 | - | Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God *says*, "Jesus be *cursed*," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," *except* by the Holy Spirit. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 4 | - | There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 5 | - | There are different kinds of *service*, but the same Lord. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 6 | - | There are different kinds of ***working***, but in all of them and in *everyone* it is the same God *at* work. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 7 | - | Now to each one the ***manifestation*** of the Spirit is given for the *common* *good*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 8 | - | To one there is given *through* the Spirit a message of *wisdom*, to another a message of *knowledge* by *means* of the same Spirit, |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 9 | - | to another *faith* by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 10 | - | to another ***miraculous*** ***powers***, to another *prophecy*, to another ***distinguishing*** *between* *spirits*, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to *still* another the *interpretation* of tongues. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 11 | - | All *these* are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he ***determines***. |

### Unity and Diversity in the Body

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 12 | - | Just as a body, *though* one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 13 | - | For we were all *baptized* by one Spirit so as to form one body--whether *Jews* or *Gentiles*, *slave* or *free*--and we were all given the one Spirit to *drink*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 14 | - | *Even* so the body is not *made* *up* of one part but of many. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 15 | - | Now if the ***foot*** should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 16 | - | And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 17 | - | If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of ***hearing*** be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of ***smell*** be? |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 18 | - | But in *fact* God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he *wanted* them to be. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 19 | - | If they were all one part, where would the body be? |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 20 | - | As it is, there are many parts, but one body. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 21 | - | The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the *head* cannot say to the *feet*, "I don't need you!" |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 22 | - | On the *contrary*, *those* parts of the body that *seem* to be ***weaker*** are ***indispensable***, |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 23 | - | and the parts that we *think* are *less* ***honorable*** we *treat* with special honor. And the parts that are ***unpresentable*** are *treated* with special ***modesty***, |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 24 | - | *while* *our* ***presentable*** parts need no special ***treatment***. But God has put the body *together*, *giving* greater honor to the parts that ***lacked*** it, |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 25 | - | so that there should be no ***division*** in the body, but that its parts should have *equal* *concern* for each other. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 26 | - | If one part *suffers*, every part *suffers* with it; if one part is *honored*, every part *rejoices* with it. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 27 | - | Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 28 | - | And God has placed in the *church* *first* of all apostles, *second* prophets, *third* teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of ***helping***, of ***guidance***, and of different kinds of tongues. |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 29 | - | Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? |
|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 30 | - | Do all have gifts of healing? Do all *speak* in tongues? Do all *interpret*? |

### Love Is Indispensable

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|  | 1 Cor | 12 | : | 31 | - | Now *eagerly* *desire* the greater gifts. And *yet* I *will* *show* you the *most* ***excellent*** *way*. |

## 1 Corinthians 13

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 1 | - | If I speak in the tongues of *men* or of *angels*, but do not have love, I am only a ***resounding*** ***gong*** or a ***clanging*** ***cymbal***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 2 | - | If I have the *gift* of *prophecy* and can ***fathom*** all *mysteries* and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can *move* ***mountains***, but do not have love, I am nothing. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 3 | - | If I give all I *possess* to the *poor* and give *over* *my* *body* to ***hardship*** that I may boast, but do not have love, I *gain* nothing. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 4 | - | Love is *patient*, love is *kind*. It does not ***envy***, it does not boast, it is not *proud*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 5 | - | It does not *dishonor* *others*, it is not ***self-seeking***, it is not *easily* ***angered***, it ***keeps*** *no* ***record*** of ***wrongs***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 6 | - | Love does not *delight* in *evil* but *rejoices* with the truth. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 7 | - | It always ***protects***, always ***trusts***, always *hopes*, always ***perseveres***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 8 | - | Love *never* ***fails***. But where there are ***prophecies***, they will ***cease***; where there are tongues, they will *be* ***stilled***; where there is knowledge, it will ***pass*** *away*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 9 | - | For we know in part and we *prophesy* in part, |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 10 | - | but when ***completeness*** *comes*, *what* is in part ***disappears***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 11 | - | When I was a child, I ***talked*** like a child, I *thought* like a child, I ***reasoned*** like a *child*. When I became a *man*, I *put* the *ways* of ***childhood*** ***behind*** *me*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 12 | - | For now we see only a ***reflection*** as in a ***mirror***; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, *even* as I am fully *known*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 13 | : | 13 | - | And now these *three* *remain*: faith, *hope* and love. But the ***greatest*** of these is love. |

## 1 Corinthians 14

### Intelligibility in Worship

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 1 | - | Follow the way of love and *eagerly* *desire* gifts of the Spirit, *especially* prophecy. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 2 | - | For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. *Indeed*, no one ***understands*** them; they ***utter*** *mysteries* by the Spirit. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 3 | - | But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their *strengthening*, ***encouraging*** and comfort. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 4 | - | Anyone who speaks in a tongue *edifies* themselves, but the one who prophesies *edifies* the church. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 5 | - | I would like *every* one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is *greater* than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone ***interprets***, so that the church may be edified. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 6 | - | Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you and speak in tongues, what *good* will I be to you, unless I *bring* you *some* revelation or *knowledge* or prophecy or word of instruction? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 7 | - | Even in the *case* of ***lifeless*** *things* that *make* ***sounds***, *such* as the ***pipe*** or ***harp***, how will anyone know what ***tune*** is *being* ***played*** unless there is a ***distinction*** in the ***notes***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 8 | - | *Again*, if the *trumpet* does not *sound* a *clear* *call*, who will *get* *ready* for ***battle***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 9 | - | So it is with you. Unless you speak intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying? You will *just* be speaking *into* the air. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 10 | - | ***Undoubtedly*** there are all ***sorts*** of ***languages*** in the *world*, *yet* *none* of them is *without* meaning. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 11 | - | If then I do not ***grasp*** the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 12 | - | So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, *try* to *excel* in *those* that *build* up the church. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 13 | - | For this *reason* the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 14 | - | For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit *prays*, but my mind is ***unfruitful***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 15 | - | So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will *sing* with my spirit, but I will also *sing* with my understanding. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 16 | - | Otherwise when you are ***praising*** God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now *put* in the ***position*** of an inquirer, say "*Amen*" to your *thanksgiving*, since they do not know what you are saying? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 17 | - | You are *giving* *thanks* *well* *enough*, but no one else is edified. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 18 | - | I thank God that I speak in tongues *more* than all of you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 19 | - | But in the church I would rather speak *five* intelligible words to *instruct* others than *ten* *thousand* words in a tongue. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 20 | - | Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like *children*. In *regard* to *evil* be *infants*, but in your thinking be ***adults***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 21 | - | In the Law it is *written*: "With *other* tongues and through the ***lips*** of ***foreigners*** I will speak to this people, but even then they will not *listen* to me, says the Lord." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 22 | - | Tongues, then, are a ***sign***, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, *however*, is not for unbelievers but for believers. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 23 | - | So if the *whole* church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and ***inquirers*** or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 24 | - | But if an *unbeliever* or an inquirer comes in *while* everyone is ***prophesying***, they are ***convicted*** of sin and are *brought* *under* *judgment* by all, |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 25 | - | as the ***secrets*** of their *hearts* are *laid* ***bare***. So they will *fall* down and ***worship*** God, ***exclaiming***, "God is *really* *among* you!" |

### Good Order in Worship

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 26 | - | What then shall *we* say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, *each* of you has a ***hymn***, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an *interpretation*. Everything must be done so that the church may be *built* up. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 27 | - | If anyone speaks in a tongue, two--or at the *most* three--should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 28 | - | If there is no ***interpreter***, the speaker should *keep* ***quiet*** in the church and speak to himself and to God. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 29 | - | Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should ***weigh*** ***carefully*** what is said. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 30 | - | And if a revelation comes to someone who is ***sitting*** down, the *first* speaker should stop. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 31 | - | For you can all prophesy in *turn* so that everyone may be ***instructed*** and *encouraged*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 32 | - | The *spirits* of prophets are *subject* to the *control* of prophets. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 33 | - | For God is not a God of *disorder* but of *peace*--as in all the ***congregations*** of the Lord's people. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 34 | - | ***Women*** should *remain* ***silent*** in the *churches*. They are not ***allowed*** to speak, but must be in ***submission***, as the law says. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 35 | - | If they *want* to ***inquire*** *about* *something*, they should *ask* their *own* ***husbands*** at *home*; for it is ***disgraceful*** for a woman to speak in the church. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 36 | - | Or *did* the word of God ***originate*** with you? Or are you the *only* people it has ***reached***? |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 37 | - | If anyone ***thinks*** they are a ***prophet*** or otherwise ***gifted*** by the Spirit, *let* them ***acknowledge*** that what I am writing to you is the Lord's *command*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 38 | - | But if anyone ***ignores*** this, they will themselves be ***ignored***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 39 | - | Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not ***forbid*** speaking in tongues. |
|  | 1 Cor | 14 | : | 40 | - | But everything should be done in a ***fitting*** and ***orderly*** way. |

## 1 Corinthians 15

### The Resurrection of Christ

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 1 | - | Now, brothers and sisters, I want to *remind* you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have *taken* your stand. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 2 | - | By this gospel you are *saved*, if you ***hold*** ***firmly*** to the *word* I preached to you. *Otherwise*, you have believed in vain. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 3 | - | For what I received I passed on to you as of first ***importance***: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 4 | - | that he was ***buried***, that he was raised on the *third* day according to the Scriptures, |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 5 | - | and that he appeared to *Cephas*, and then to the ***Twelve***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 6 | - | After that, he appeared to more than *five* ***hundred*** of the brothers and sisters at the same *time*, most of *whom* are still living, *though* some have fallen asleep. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 7 | - | Then he appeared to ***James***, then to all the apostles, |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 8 | - | and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one ***abnormally*** *born*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 9 | - | For I am the *least* of the apostles and do not even *deserve* to be *called* an *apostle*, because I *persecuted* the church of God. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 10 | - | But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not *without* ***effect***. No, I *worked* *harder* than all of them--*yet* not I, but the grace of God that was with me. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 11 | - | *Whether*, then, it is I or they, this is what we *preach*, and this is what you believed. |

### The Resurrection of the Dead

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 12 | - | But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how *can* some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 13 | - | If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 14 | - | And if Christ has not been raised, our *preaching* is ***useless*** and so is your faith. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 15 | - | More than that, we are then *found* to be *false* *witnesses* about God, for we have ***testified*** about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not *raise* him if in *fact* the dead are not raised. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 16 | - | For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised ***either***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 17 | - | And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is *futile*; you are still in your sins. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 18 | - | Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are ***lost***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 19 | - | If *only* for this life we have *hope* in Christ, we are of all people most to be ***pitied***. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 20 | - | But Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 21 | - | For *since* death *came* through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 22 | - | For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made *alive*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 23 | - | But each in *turn*: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who *belong* to him. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 24 | - | Then the end will come, when he *hands* *over* the kingdom to God the *Father* after he has destroyed all ***dominion***, *authority* and power. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 25 | - | For he must *reign* *until* he has put all his ***enemies*** under his feet. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 26 | - | The last ***enemy*** to be destroyed is death. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 27 | - | For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it *says* that "everything" has been put under him, it is *clear* that this does not ***include*** God himself, who put everything under Christ. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 28 | - | When he has *done* this, then the *Son* himself will be made *subject* to him who put everything under him, so that God *may* be all in all. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 29 | - | Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 30 | - | And as for us, why do we ***endanger*** *ourselves* every *hour*? |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 31 | - | I *face* death every day--*yes*, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 32 | - | If I ***fought*** ***wild*** ***beasts*** in *Ephesus* with no more than *human* *hopes*, what have I *gained*? If the dead are not raised, "Let us *eat* and drink, for ***tomorrow*** we die." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 33 | - | Do not be ***misled***: "*Bad* ***company*** ***corrupts*** *good* ***character***." |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 34 | - | Come back to your ***senses*** as you *ought*, and *stop* *sinning*; for there are some who are *ignorant* of God--I say this to your *shame*. |

### The Resurrection Body

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 35 | - | But *someone* will *ask*, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 36 | - | How *foolish*! What you sow does not come to life *unless* it *dies*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 37 | - | When you sow, you do not ***plant*** the body that will be, but just a seed, *perhaps* of ***wheat*** or of *something* *else*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 38 | - | But God gives it a body as he has ***determined***, and to each kind of seed he gives *its* *own* body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 39 | - | Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, ***animals*** have another, ***birds*** another and ***fish*** another. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 40 | - | There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 41 | - | The ***sun*** has one kind of splendor, the ***moon*** another and the ***stars*** another; and *star* ***differs*** from *star* in splendor. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 42 | - | So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 43 | - | it is sown in *dishonor*, it is raised in *glory*; it is sown in *weakness*, it is raised in power; |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 44 | - | it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 45 | - | So it is written: "The first man Adam *became* a living *being*"; the last Adam, a ***life-giving*** *spirit*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 46 | - | The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 47 | - | The first man was of the ***dust*** of the earth; the *second* man is of heaven. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 48 | - | As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 49 | - | And just as we have ***borne*** the image of the earthly man, so *shall* we *bear* the image of the heavenly man. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 50 | - | I *declare* to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and *blood* *cannot* inherit the kingdom of God, *nor* does the perishable inherit the imperishable. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 51 | - | *Listen*, I tell you a *mystery*: We will not all *sleep*, but we will all be changed-- |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 52 | - | in a ***flash***, in the ***twinkling*** of an *eye*, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will *sound*, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 53 | - | For the perishable must ***clothe*** *itself* with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 54 | - | When the perishable has been *clothed* with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the *saying* that is written will come *true*: "Death has been *swallowed* up in victory." |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 55 | - | "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 56 | - | The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. |
|  | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 57 | - | But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 15 | : | 58 | - | Therefore, my *dear* brothers and sisters, stand *firm*. Let *nothing* *move* you. *Always* *give* *yourselves* *fully* to the work of the Lord, because you know that your *labor* in the Lord is not in vain. |

## 1 Corinthians 16

### The Collection for the Lord's People

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 1 | - | Now about the ***collection*** for the Lord's people: Do what I *told* the ***Galatian*** churches to do. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 2 | - | On the first *day* of *every* ***week***, *each* one of you should *set* ***aside*** a ***sum*** of ***money*** in *keeping* with your ***income***, ***saving*** it *up*, so that when I come no ***collections*** will have to be made. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 3 | - | Then, when I ***arrive***, I will *give* *letters* of ***introduction*** to the men you ***approve*** and send *them* with your *gift* to ***Jerusalem***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 4 | - | If it *seems* ***advisable*** for me to go also, they will *accompany* me. |

### Personal Requests

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 5 | - | After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you--for I will be *going* through Macedonia. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 6 | - | *Perhaps* I will stay with you for a while, *or* *even* spend the ***winter***, so that you *can* *help* me on my ***journey***, ***wherever*** I go. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 7 | - | For I do not want to see you now and *make* *only* a *passing* *visit*; I *hope* to spend *some* *time* with you, if the Lord ***permits***. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 8 | - | But I will stay on at *Ephesus* *until* ***Pentecost***, |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 9 | - | because a *great* *door* for ***effective*** work has *opened* to me, and there are many who ***oppose*** me. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 10 | - | When *Timothy* *comes*, see to it that he has *nothing* to *fear* while he is with you, for he is ***carrying*** on the work of the Lord, *just* as I am. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 11 | - | No one, then, should *treat* him with ***contempt***. Send him on *his* *way* in *peace* so that he *may* *return* to me. I am ***expecting*** him *along* with the brothers. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 12 | - | Now about *our* *brother* *Apollos*: I ***strongly*** *urged* him to go to you with the brothers. He was ***quite*** ***unwilling*** to go now, but he will go when he has the *opportunity*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 13 | - | Be on your ***guard***; *stand* firm in the *faith*; be ***courageous***; be *strong*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 14 | - | Do *everything* in love. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 15 | - | You know that the household of Stephanas *were* the first ***converts*** in *Achaia*, and they have *devoted* *themselves* to the *service* of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 16 | - | to ***submit*** to such people and to everyone who ***joins*** in the work and ***labors*** at it. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 17 | - | I was *glad* when Stephanas, ***Fortunatus*** and ***Achaicus*** ***arrived***, because they have *supplied* what was ***lacking*** *from* you. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 18 | - | For they *refreshed* my spirit and *yours* also. Such men *deserve* ***recognition***. |

### Final Greetings

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| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 19 | - | The churches in the province of *Asia* send you greetings. ***Aquila*** and ***Priscilla*** greet you ***warmly*** in the Lord, and so does the *church* that ***meets*** at *their* *house*. |
|  | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 20 | - | All the brothers and sisters *here* send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 21 | - | I, *Paul*, *write* *this* ***greeting*** in my *own* *hand*. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 22 | - | If *anyone* does not love the Lord, *let* that person be *cursed*! Come, Lord! |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 23 | - | The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. |
| ¶ | 1 Cor | 16 | : | 24 | - | My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. *Amen*. |

## 2 Corinthians 1

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 1 | - | *Paul*, *an* apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our *brother*, To the church of God in Corinth, *together* with all his holy *people* ***throughout*** *Achaia*: |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 2 | - | Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. |

### Praise to the God of All Comfort

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 3 | - | *Praise* be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of ***compassion*** and the God of all comfort, |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 4 | - | who *comforts* us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort *those* in *any* *trouble* with the comfort we ourselves *receive* from God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 5 | - | For just as we share *abundantly* in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort ***abounds*** through Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 6 | - | If we are *distressed*, it is for your comfort and *salvation*; if we are *comforted*, it is for your comfort, *which* ***produces*** in you *patient* *endurance* of the same sufferings we *suffer*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 7 | - | And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 8 | - | We do not want you to be *uninformed*, *brothers* and *sisters*, *about* the troubles we ***experienced*** in the province of *Asia*. We *were* *under* *great* *pressure*, *far* *beyond* our *ability* to *endure*, so that we ***despaired*** of life *itself*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 9 | - | *Indeed*, we ***felt*** we *had* *received* the ***sentence*** of *death*. But this *happened* that we might not ***rely*** on ourselves but on God, who ***raises*** the dead. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 10 | - | He has ***delivered*** us from such a ***deadly*** ***peril***, and he will *deliver* us *again*. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to *deliver* us, |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 11 | - | as you *help* us by your prayers. Then many will give *thanks* on our *behalf* for the ***gracious*** *favor* ***granted*** us in *answer* to the prayers of many. |

### Paul's Change of Plans

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 12 | - | Now this is our boast: Our *conscience* ***testifies*** that we have ***conducted*** ourselves in the world, and *especially* in our *relations* with you, with ***integrity*** and *godly* *sincerity*. We have *done* so, ***relying*** not on worldly *wisdom* but on God's grace. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 13 | - | For we do not *write* you *anything* you *cannot* *read* or understand. And I hope that, |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 14 | - | as you have *understood* us in *part*, you will come to understand *fully* that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 15 | - | Because I was *confident* of this, I wanted to visit you *first* so that you might *benefit* ***twice***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 16 | - | I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia and to come back to you from Macedonia, and then to have you *send* me on my way to ***Judea***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 17 | - | Was I ***fickle*** *when* I *intended* to do this? Or do I *make* my ***plans*** in a worldly *manner* so that in the same ***breath*** I *say* both "Yes, yes" and "No, no"? |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 18 | - | But as surely as God is *faithful*, our *message* to you is not "Yes" and "No." |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 19 | - | For the *Son* of God, Jesus Christ, who was *preached* *among* you by us--by me and ***Silas*** and Timothy--was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has *always* *been* "Yes." |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 20 | - | For no *matter* *how* many *promises* God has *made*, *they* are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "*Amen*" is *spoken* by us to the glory of God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 21 | - | Now it is God who *makes* both us and you stand firm in Christ. He ***anointed*** us, |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 22 | - | set his *seal* of ***ownership*** on us, and *put* his *Spirit* in our *hearts* as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 23 | - | I *call* God as my ***witness***--and I ***stake*** my life on it--that it was in order to spare you that I did not *return* to Corinth. |
|  | 2 Cor | 1 | : | 24 | - | Not that we lord it *over* your faith, but we *work* with you for your *joy*, because it is by faith you stand firm. |

## 2 Corinthians 2

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 1 | - | So I made *up* my mind that I would not make another ***painful*** *visit* to you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 2 | - | For if I grieve you, who is *left* to make me *glad* but you whom I have grieved? |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 3 | - | I wrote as I did, so that when I *came* I would not be *distressed* by those who *should* have made me *rejoice*. I had *confidence* in all of you, that you would all *share* my joy. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 4 | - | For I wrote you *out* of *great* ***distress*** and ***anguish*** of *heart* and with many ***tears***, not to grieve you but to *let* you know the ***depth*** of my love for you. |

### Forgiveness for the Offender

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 5 | - | If anyone has *caused* ***grief***, he has not so *much* grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some *extent*--not to *put* *it* *too* *severely*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 6 | - | The ***punishment*** ***inflicted*** on him by the ***majority*** is sufficient. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 7 | - | Now *instead*, you ought to forgive and *comfort* him, so that he will not be ***overwhelmed*** by ***excessive*** *sorrow*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 8 | - | I urge you, *therefore*, to ***reaffirm*** your love for him. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 9 | - | Another *reason* I wrote you was to *see* if you would *stand* the *test* and be *obedient* in everything. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 10 | - | Anyone you forgive, I *also* forgive. And what I have *forgiven*--if there was *anything* to forgive--I have *forgiven* in the sight of Christ for your sake, |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 11 | - | in order that *Satan* *might* not ***outwit*** us. For we are not ***unaware*** of *his* ***schemes***. |

### Ministers of the New Covenant

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 12 | - | Now when I went to ***Troas*** to preach the gospel of Christ and *found* that the *Lord* had *opened* a *door* for me, |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 13 | - | I *still* had *no* *peace* of mind, *because* I did not *find* my *brother* *Titus* there. So I *said* ***goodbye*** to them and went on to Macedonia. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 14 | - | But thanks be to God, who *always* *leads* us as ***captives*** in *Christ's* ***triumphal*** *procession* and ***uses*** us to ***spread*** the aroma of the knowledge of him *everywhere*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 15 | - | For we are to God the ***pleasing*** aroma of Christ *among* those who are being *saved* and those who are perishing. |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 16 | - | To the one we are an aroma that brings *death*; to the *other*, an aroma that brings *life*. And who is *equal* to such a *task*? |
|  | 2 Cor | 2 | : | 17 | - | ***Unlike*** so many, we do not ***peddle*** the word of God for ***profit***. On the *contrary*, in Christ we *speak* *before* God with *sincerity*, as those *sent* *from* God. |

## 2 Corinthians 3

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 1 | - | Are we *beginning* to commend ourselves *again*? Or do we *need*, like *some* *people*, letters of ***recommendation*** to you or from you? |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 2 | - | You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, *known* and read *by* *everyone*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 3 | - | You *show* that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ***ink*** but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of *human* hearts. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 4 | - | Such *confidence* we have *through* Christ *before* God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 5 | - | Not that we are competent in ourselves to ***claim*** *anything* for ourselves, but our ***competence*** comes from God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 6 | - | He has made *us* competent *as* ***ministers*** of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter ***kills***, but the Spirit *gives* *life*. |

### The Greater Glory of the New Covenant

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 7 | - | Now if the ministry that brought *death*, which was ***engraved*** in letters on stone, came with glory, *so* that the Israelites *could* not *look* ***steadily*** *at* the face of Moses because of *its* glory, transitory *though* it was, |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 8 | - | will not the ministry of the Spirit *be* even more glorious? |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 9 | - | If the ministry that brought ***condemnation*** was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that *brings* *righteousness*! |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 10 | - | For what was glorious has *no* glory now in ***comparison*** with the *surpassing* glory. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 11 | - | And if what was transitory came with glory, how much *greater* is the glory of that which ***lasts***! |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 12 | - | Therefore, since we have such a *hope*, we are *very* *bold*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 13 | - | We are not like Moses, who *would* *put* a veil *over* his face to ***prevent*** the Israelites from ***seeing*** the end of what was *passing* away. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 14 | - | But their *minds* *were* made ***dull***, for to this day the *same* veil *remains* when the *old* covenant is read. It has not *been* ***removed***, because *only* in Christ is it taken away. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 15 | - | Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil ***covers*** their hearts. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 16 | - | But *whenever* *anyone* ***turns*** to the Lord, the veil is taken away. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 17 | - | Now the Lord is the Spirit, and *where* the Spirit of the Lord is, there is *freedom*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 3 | : | 18 | - | And we *all*, who with ***unveiled*** ***faces*** ***contemplate*** the *Lord's* glory, are *being* ***transformed*** *into* his *image* with ***ever-increasing*** glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. |

## 2 Corinthians 4

### Present Weakness and Resurrection Life

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 1 | - | Therefore, since *through* God's *mercy* we have this *ministry*, we do not lose heart. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 2 | - | *Rather*, we have ***renounced*** ***secret*** and ***shameful*** *ways*; we do not *use* ***deception***, *nor* do we ***distort*** the word of God. On the *contrary*, by *setting* ***forth*** the *truth* ***plainly*** we commend ourselves to ***everyone's*** *conscience* in the sight of God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 3 | - | And even *if* our gospel is *veiled*, it is *veiled* to those who are perishing. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 4 | - | The god of this age *has* ***blinded*** the *minds* of *unbelievers*, so that they *cannot* *see* the light of the gospel that ***displays*** the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 5 | - | For what we *preach* is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your *servants* for Jesus' sake. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 6 | - | For God, who *said*, "*Let* light *shine* *out* of *darkness*," *made* his light *shine* in our hearts to *give* us the light of the knowledge of God's glory ***displayed*** in the face of Christ. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 7 | - | But we have this ***treasure*** in ***jars*** of ***clay*** to show that this ***all-surpassing*** *power* is from God and not from us. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 8 | - | We are hard *pressed* on *every* ***side***, but not ***crushed***; ***perplexed***, but not in ***despair***; |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 9 | - | *persecuted*, but not ***abandoned***; ***struck*** *down*, but not *destroyed*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 10 | - | We always *carry* ***around*** in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 11 | - | For we who are *alive* are always being *given* *over* to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our *mortal* body. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 12 | - | So *then*, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 13 | - | It is written: "I *believed*; therefore I have *spoken*." Since we have that *same* spirit of *faith*, we also *believe* and therefore *speak*, |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 14 | - | because we know that the one who *raised* the Lord Jesus from the dead will also *raise* us with Jesus and *present* us with you to himself. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 15 | - | All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is ***reaching*** more and more *people* may *cause* *thanksgiving* to ***overflow*** to the glory of God. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 16 | - | Therefore we do not lose heart. *Though* ***outwardly*** we are ***wasting*** *away*, *yet* *inwardly* we are being ***renewed*** day by day. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 17 | - | For our light and ***momentary*** *troubles* are ***achieving*** for us *an* eternal glory that *far* ***outweighs*** *them* all. |
|  | 2 Cor | 4 | : | 18 | - | So we ***fix*** our *eyes* not on what is seen, but on what is *unseen*, since what is seen is ***temporary***, but what is *unseen* is eternal. |

## 2 Corinthians 5

### Awaiting the New Body

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 1 | - | For we know that if the *earthly* tent we live in is *destroyed*, we have a *building* from God, an *eternal* *house* in *heaven*, not *built* by *human* *hands*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 2 | - | ***Meanwhile*** we groan, *longing* to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 3 | - | because *when* we are clothed, we will not be *found* *naked*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 4 | - | For while we are in this tent, we groan and are ***burdened***, because we do not *wish* to be ***unclothed*** but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is *mortal* may be *swallowed* *up* by *life*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 5 | - | Now the one who has ***fashioned*** us for this *very* *purpose* is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 6 | - | Therefore we are *always* confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 7 | - | For we live by *faith*, not by *sight*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 8 | - | We are confident, I say, and *would* *prefer* to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 9 | - | So we *make* it our *goal* to *please* him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 10 | - | For we *must* all ***appear*** *before* the *judgment* ***seat*** of Christ, so that *each* of us may *receive* what is ***due*** us for the *things* *done* while in the body, whether *good* or *bad*. |

### The Ministry of Reconciliation

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 11 | - | *Since*, *then*, we know what it is to *fear* the Lord, we *try* to ***persuade*** *others*. What we are is *plain* to God, and I *hope* it is *also* *plain* to *your* *conscience*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 12 | - | We are not *trying* to commend ourselves to you again, but are *giving* you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you *can* *answer* those who take pride in what is *seen* *rather* *than* in what is in the heart. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 13 | - | If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our *right* mind, it is for you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 14 | - | For Christ's *love* ***compels*** us, because we are ***convinced*** that one died for all, and therefore all died. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 15 | - | And he died for all, that those who live *should* no longer live for *themselves* but for him who died for them and was *raised* again. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 16 | - | So from now on we *regard* no one from a *worldly* *point* of ***view***. Though we *once* *regarded* Christ in this way, we do so no longer. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 17 | - | Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new ***creation*** has come: The *old* has *gone*, the new is *here*! |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 18 | - | All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and *gave* us the ministry of reconciliation: |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 19 | - | that God was ***reconciling*** the world to himself in Christ, not ***counting*** ***people's*** *sins* against them. And he has *committed* to us the message of reconciliation. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 20 | - | We are therefore Christ's ***ambassadors***, as though God *were* *making* *his* *appeal* through us. We ***implore*** you on Christ's *behalf*: Be reconciled to God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 5 | : | 21 | - | God *made* him who *had* no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the *righteousness* of God. |

## 2 Corinthians 6

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 1 | - | As God's *co-workers* we *urge* you not to receive God's *grace* in vain. |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 2 | - | For he says, "In the time of my favor I *heard* you, and in the day of salvation I ***helped*** you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. |

### Paul's Hardships

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 3 | - | We *put* no *stumbling* *block* in ***anyone's*** ***path***, *so* that our *ministry* will not be ***discredited***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 4 | - | *Rather*, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in *great* *endurance*; in *troubles*, *hardships* and ***distresses***; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 5 | - | in ***beatings***, ***imprisonments*** and ***riots***; in *hard* *work*, ***sleepless*** ***nights*** and *hunger*; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 6 | - | in ***purity***, *understanding*, ***patience*** and ***kindness***; in the Holy Spirit and in *sincere* *love*; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 7 | - | in ***truthful*** *speech* and in the power of God; with *weapons* of righteousness in the *right* *hand* and in the *left*; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 8 | - | *through* *glory* and *dishonor*, *bad* *report* and *good* *report*; ***genuine***, yet regarded as ***impostors***; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 9 | - | *known*, yet regarded as ***unknown***; ***dying***, and yet we live *on*; *beaten*, and yet not *killed*; |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 10 | - | *sorrowful*, yet *always* ***rejoicing***; *poor*, yet *making* *many* *rich*; *having* *nothing*, and yet ***possessing*** *everything*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 11 | - | We have *spoken* *freely* to you, ***Corinthians***, and *opened* wide our hearts to you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 12 | - | We are not *withholding* our *affection* from you, but you are *withholding* *yours* from us. |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 13 | - | As a ***fair*** ***exchange***--I *speak* as to my *children*--*open* wide *your* hearts *also*. |

### Warning Against Idolatry

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 14 | - | Do not be ***yoked*** *together* with *unbelievers*. For what do righteousness and *wickedness* have in common? Or what *fellowship* *can* *light* have with *darkness*? |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 15 | - | What ***harmony*** is there between *Christ* and ***Belial***? Or what *does* a *believer* have in common with *an* unbeliever? |
|  | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 16 | - | What ***agreement*** is there between the temple of God and *idols*? For we are the temple of the living God. As God *has* *said*: "I will live with them and *walk* *among* them, and I will be *their* God, and they will be my *people*." |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 17 | - | *Therefore*, "*Come* *out* from them and be *separate*, says the Lord. ***Touch*** no *unclean* *thing*, and I will receive you." |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 6 | : | 18 | - | And, "I will be a *Father* to you, and you will be my ***sons*** and ***daughters***, says the Lord ***Almighty***." |

## 2 Corinthians 7

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 1 | - | Therefore, since we have *these* *promises*, *dear* *friends*, *let* us ***purify*** *ourselves* *from* everything that ***contaminates*** *body* and spirit, ***perfecting*** *holiness* *out* of ***reverence*** for God. |

### Paul's Joy Over the Church's Repentance

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 2 | - | *Make* ***room*** for us in your hearts. We have *wronged* no one, we have ***corrupted*** no one, we have ***exploited*** no one. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 3 | - | I do not say this to ***condemn*** you; I have said before that you have such a *place* in our hearts that we *would* *live* *or* *die* with you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 4 | - | I have *spoken* to you with great ***frankness***; I *take* great *pride* in you. I am *greatly* encouraged; in all our *troubles* my joy *knows* no ***bounds***. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 5 | - | For when we *came* *into* *Macedonia*, we had no *rest*, but we were ***harassed*** at every *turn*--***conflicts*** on the *outside*, ***fears*** *within*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 6 | - | But God, who *comforts* the ***downcast***, *comforted* us by the coming of Titus, |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 7 | - | and not only by his coming but *also* by the *comfort* you had *given* him. He *told* us about your longing for me, your *deep* sorrow, your ***ardent*** concern for me, so that my joy was greater *than* ***ever***. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 8 | - | Even if I *caused* you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it--I see that my letter ***hurt*** you, but only for a *little* *while*-- |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 9 | - | *yet* *now* I am happy, not because you were *made* ***sorry***, but because your sorrow *led* you to repentance. For you *became* *sorrowful* as God *intended* and so were not ***harmed*** in any way by us. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 10 | - | Godly sorrow brings repentance that *leads* to *salvation* and *leaves* no regret, but *worldly* sorrow brings death. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 11 | - | See what this godly sorrow has ***produced*** in you: what *earnestness*, what *eagerness* to *clear* yourselves, what ***indignation***, what ***alarm***, what longing, what concern, what ***readiness*** to see ***justice*** *done*. At every *point* you have proved yourselves to be *innocent* in this matter. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 12 | - | So even though I wrote to you, it was *neither* on account of the one who did the *wrong* *nor* on account of the ***injured*** ***party***, but *rather* that before God you *could* see for yourselves how *devoted* to us you are. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 13 | - | By all this we are encouraged. In *addition* to our *own* ***encouragement***, we were *especially* ***delighted*** to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has *been* *refreshed* by all of you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 14 | - | I had ***boasted*** to him about you, and you have not ***embarrassed*** me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 15 | - | And his *affection* for you *is* all the greater when he ***remembers*** that you were all *obedient*, *receiving* him with *fear* and trembling. |
|  | 2 Cor | 7 | : | 16 | - | I am *glad* I *can* have *complete* *confidence* in you. |

## 2 Corinthians 8

### The Collection for the Lord's People

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 1 | - | And now, brothers and *sisters*, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the ***Macedonian*** churches. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 2 | - | In the *midst* of a *very* ***severe*** ***trial***, their *overflowing* *joy* and their ***extreme*** poverty ***welled*** *up* in rich *generosity*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 3 | - | For I ***testify*** that they gave as much as they were *able*, and even *beyond* their *ability*. ***Entirely*** on their own, |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 4 | - | they ***urgently*** *pleaded* with us for the ***privilege*** of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 5 | - | And they ***exceeded*** our ***expectations***: They gave *themselves* first of all to the Lord, and *then* by the will of God also to us. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 6 | - | So we *urged* Titus, *just* as he *had* *earlier* *made* a *beginning*, to *bring* also to completion this *act* of grace on your *part*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 7 | - | But since you excel in everything--in *faith*, in *speech*, in *knowledge*, in *complete* earnestness and in the love we have ***kindled*** in you--see that you also excel in this grace of *giving*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 8 | - | I am not ***commanding*** you, but I want to *test* the *sincerity* of your love by ***comparing*** it with the earnestness of others. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 9 | - | For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that *though* he was rich, *yet* for your *sake* he *became* *poor*, so that you through his poverty might become rich. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 10 | - | And *here* is my *judgment* about what is ***best*** for you in this *matter*. *Last* year you were the first not only to *give* but also to have the desire to do so. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 11 | - | Now *finish* the *work*, so that your *eager* willingness to do it may be ***matched*** by your completion of it, according to your *means*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 12 | - | For if the willingness is there, the gift is ***acceptable*** according to what one has, not according to what one *does* not have. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 13 | - | Our desire is not that others might be ***relieved*** *while* you are hard *pressed*, but that there might be equality. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 14 | - | At the *present* *time* your *plenty* will supply what they need, so that in *turn* their *plenty* will supply what you need. The *goal* is equality, |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 15 | - | as it is written: "The one who *gathered* much did not have too much, and the one who *gathered* little did not have too little." |

### Titus Sent to Receive the Collection

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 16 | - | Thanks be to God, who *put* *into* the *heart* of Titus the *same* *concern* I have for you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 17 | - | For Titus not only ***welcomed*** our *appeal*, but he is *coming* to you with much *enthusiasm* and on his own ***initiative***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 18 | - | And we are sending *along* with him the brother who is *praised* by all the churches for his service to the gospel. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 19 | - | What is more, he was ***chosen*** by the churches to *accompany* us as we *carry* the ***offering***, *which* we administer in order to honor the Lord *himself* and to show our *eagerness* to help. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 20 | - | We want to ***avoid*** *any* ***criticism*** of the way we administer this ***liberal*** gift. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 21 | - | For we are ***taking*** ***pains*** to do what is *right*, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 22 | - | In *addition*, we are sending with *them* our brother who has *often* *proved* to us in *many* *ways* that he is ***zealous***, and now even more so *because* of his *great* *confidence* in you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 23 | - | As for Titus, he is my ***partner*** and ***co-worker*** *among* you; as for our brothers, they are ***representatives*** of the churches and *an* honor to Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 8 | : | 24 | - | *Therefore* show *these* *men* the *proof* of your love and the *reason* for our *pride* in you, so that the churches *can* see it. |

## 2 Corinthians 9

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 1 | - | There is *no* need for me to *write* to you about this service to the Lord's people. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 2 | - | For I *know* your *eagerness* to *help*, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, ***telling*** them that *since* *last* year you in *Achaia* *were* ready to give; and your *enthusiasm* has ***stirred*** *most* of them to ***action***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 3 | - | But I *am* *sending* the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this *matter* should not *prove* ***hollow***, but that you may be ready, as I *said* you would be. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 4 | - | For if *any* Macedonians *come* with me and *find* you ***unprepared***, *we*--not to *say* *anything* about you--would be ashamed of having been so *confident*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 5 | - | So I *thought* it ***necessary*** to *urge* the brothers to visit you in ***advance*** and *finish* the ***arrangements*** for the generous gift you *had* *promised*. *Then* it will be ready as a generous gift, not as *one* ***grudgingly*** given. |

### Generosity Encouraged

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 6 | - | *Remember* this: Whoever *sows* *sparingly* will also reap *sparingly*, and whoever *sows* *generously* will also reap *generously*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 7 | - | Each of you should give *what* you have ***decided*** in your *heart* to give, not ***reluctantly*** *or* *under* *compulsion*, for God *loves* a ***cheerful*** ***giver***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 8 | - | And God is *able* to *bless* you *abundantly*, so that in all *things* *at* all *times*, having all that you need, you will ***abound*** in every *good* *work*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 9 | - | As it is *written*: "*They* have *freely* *scattered* their *gifts* to the *poor*; their righteousness ***endures*** *forever*." |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 10 | - | *Now* *he* *who* ***supplies*** seed to the ***sower*** and *bread* for *food* will also *supply* and ***increase*** your ***store*** of seed and will ***enlarge*** the *harvest* of your righteousness. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 11 | - | You will be *enriched* in every *way* so that you *can* be generous *on* every ***occasion***, and through *us* your generosity will *result* in *thanksgiving* to God. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 12 | - | This service that you ***perform*** is not *only* ***supplying*** the ***needs*** of the Lord's people but is also *overflowing* in *many* ***expressions*** of thanks to God. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 13 | - | Because of the service *by* *which* you have proved *yourselves*, *others* will *praise* God for the *obedience* that ***accompanies*** your ***confession*** of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in *sharing* with them and with *everyone* *else*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 14 | - | And in their *prayers* for you their *hearts* will *go* *out* to you, because of the *surpassing* *grace* God has given you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 9 | : | 15 | - | Thanks be to God for *his* ***indescribable*** gift! |

## 2 Corinthians 10

### Paul's Defense of His Ministry

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 1 | - | By the ***humility*** and ***gentleness*** of Christ, I appeal to you--I, *Paul*, who *am* "***timid***" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when *away*! |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 2 | - | I ***beg*** you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I ***expect*** to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 3 | - | For *though* we live in the world, we do not ***wage*** ***war*** as the world does. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 4 | - | The weapons we *fight* with are not the weapons of the world. *On* the *contrary*, they have ***divine*** *power* to demolish ***strongholds***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 5 | - | We demolish ***arguments*** and every ***pretension*** that ***sets*** *itself* up *against* the knowledge of God, and we *take* ***captive*** every *thought* to make it *obedient* to Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 6 | - | And we will be ready to ***punish*** every *act* of ***disobedience***, *once* your *obedience* is *complete*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 7 | - | You are ***judging*** by ***appearances***. If anyone is *confident* that they belong to Christ, they should *consider* *again* that we belong to Christ *just* as much as they do. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 8 | - | So even if I boast ***somewhat*** *freely* about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up *rather* *than* *tearing* you *down*, I will not be ashamed of it. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 9 | - | I do not want to *seem* to be *trying* to ***frighten*** you with *my* letters. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 10 | - | For some *say*, "His letters are ***weighty*** and ***forceful***, but in *person* *he* is ***unimpressive*** and his *speaking* ***amounts*** to nothing." |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 11 | - | Such people should *realize* that what we are in our letters when we are *absent*, we will be in our *actions* when we are *present*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 12 | - | We do not *dare* to ***classify*** *or* *compare* *ourselves* with some who *commend* themselves. When they ***measure*** themselves by themselves and *compare* themselves with themselves, they are not *wise*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 13 | - | We, *however*, will not boast beyond *proper* limits, but will ***confine*** our boasting to the sphere of *service* God himself *has* assigned to us, *a* sphere that *also* ***includes*** you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 14 | - | We are not *going* *too* far in our boasting, as *would* be the *case* if we *had* not come to you, for we *did* *get* as far as you with the gospel of Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 15 | - | *Neither* do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by *others*. Our *hope* is that, as your *faith* ***continues*** to *grow*, our sphere of ***activity*** *among* you will *greatly* ***expand***, |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 16 | - | so that we *can* *preach* the gospel in the *regions* beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work *already* done in *someone* ***else's*** ***territory***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 17 | - | But, "*Let* the one who boasts boast in the Lord." |
|  | 2 Cor | 10 | : | 18 | - | For it is not the one who *commends* himself who is ***approved***, but the one *whom* the Lord *commends*. |

## 2 Corinthians 11

### Paul and the False Apostles

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 1 | - | I *hope* you will put up with me in a little *foolishness*. *Yes*, *please* put up with me! |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 2 | - | I am ***jealous*** for you with a *godly* *jealousy*. I *promised* you to one *husband*, to Christ, so that I *might* *present* you as a pure *virgin* to him. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 3 | - | But I am afraid that just as ***Eve*** was *deceived* by the ***serpent's*** ***cunning***, your *minds* may *somehow* be led *astray* from your *sincere* and pure *devotion* to Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 4 | - | For if *someone* *comes* to you and ***preaches*** a Jesus other than the Jesus we *preached*, or if you *receive* a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you ***accepted***, you put up with it *easily* *enough*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 5 | - | I do not *think* I am in the least inferior to those "*super-apostles*." |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 6 | - | I may *indeed* be ***untrained*** as a *speaker*, but I do have *knowledge*. We have *made* this *perfectly* *clear* to you in every way. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 7 | - | Was it a sin for me to ***lower*** myself in order to ***elevate*** you by *preaching* the gospel of God to you free of charge? |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 8 | - | I ***robbed*** other churches by *receiving* *support* from *them* so as to *serve* you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 9 | - | And when I was with you and *needed* *something*, I was not a burden to anyone, for the *brothers* who *came* from *Macedonia* *supplied* what I *needed*. I have ***kept*** myself from *being* a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 10 | - | As surely as the *truth* of Christ is in me, *nobody* in the *regions* of *Achaia* will *stop* this boasting of mine. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 11 | - | *Why*? *Because* I do not love you? God knows I do! |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 12 | - | And I will *keep* on doing what I am doing in order to *cut* the ***ground*** from under those who *want* an opportunity to be ***considered*** *equal* with us in the things they boast about. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 13 | - | For *such* people are false apostles, ***deceitful*** ***workers***, ***masquerading*** as apostles of Christ. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 14 | - | And no ***wonder***, for *Satan* *himself* ***masquerades*** as an *angel* of *light*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 15 | - | It is not ***surprising***, then, if his servants also ***masquerade*** as servants of *righteousness*. Their *end* will be what their *actions* *deserve*. |

### Paul Boasts About His Sufferings

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 16 | - | I *repeat*: *Let* no one *take* me for a fool. But if you do, then *tolerate* me just as you would a fool, so that I may do a little boasting. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 17 | - | In this ***self-confident*** boasting I am not *talking* as the Lord would, but as a fool. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 18 | - | Since *many* are boasting in the way the world *does*, I too will boast. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 19 | - | You *gladly* put up with *fools* since you are so wise! |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 20 | - | In *fact*, you *even* put up with anyone who ***enslaves*** you or ***exploits*** you or *takes* ***advantage*** of you or ***puts*** on ***airs*** or ***slaps*** you in the face. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 21 | - | To my *shame* I ***admit*** that we *were* too weak for that! *Whatever* anyone else ***dares*** to boast about--I am *speaking* as a fool--I also *dare* to boast about. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 22 | - | Are they ***Hebrews***? So am I. Are they *Israelites*? So am I. Are they ***Abraham's*** ***descendants***? So am I. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 23 | - | Are they servants of Christ? (I am *out* of my *mind* to *talk* *like* this.) I am more. I have *worked* *much* *harder*, been in ***prison*** more ***frequently***, been ***flogged*** more *severely*, and been ***exposed*** to *death* again and again. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 24 | - | *Five* times I received from the Jews the ***forty*** ***lashes*** ***minus*** one. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 25 | - | Three times I was *beaten* with ***rods***, *once* I was ***pelted*** with *stones*, three times I was ***shipwrecked***, I ***spent*** a *night* and a *day* in the *open* sea, |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 26 | - | I have been ***constantly*** on the *move*. I have been in danger from ***rivers***, in danger from ***bandits***, in danger from my *fellow* Jews, in danger from *Gentiles*; in danger in the city, in danger in the ***country***, in *danger* *at* sea; and in danger from false *believers*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 27 | - | I have ***labored*** and ***toiled*** and have often gone without *sleep*; I have *known* *hunger* and ***thirst*** and have often gone without *food*; I have been ***cold*** and *naked*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 28 | - | ***Besides*** *everything* else, I face ***daily*** the *pressure* of my *concern* for all the churches. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 29 | - | Who is weak, and I do not ***feel*** weak? Who is led *into* sin, and I do not *inwardly* *burn*? |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 30 | - | If I *must* boast, I will boast of the things that *show* my *weakness*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 31 | - | The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be *praised* *forever*, knows that I am not ***lying***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 32 | - | In ***Damascus*** the ***governor*** under ***King*** ***Aretas*** *had* the city of the ***Damascenes*** ***guarded*** in order to ***arrest*** me. |
|  | 2 Cor | 11 | : | 33 | - | But I was ***lowered*** in a ***basket*** from a ***window*** in the ***wall*** and ***slipped*** *through* his *hands*. |

## 2 Corinthians 12

### Paul's Vision and His Thorn

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 1 | - | I *must* go on *boasting*. *Although* there is nothing to be *gained*, I will go on to ***visions*** and revelations from the Lord. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 2 | - | I know a man in Christ who ***fourteen*** ***years*** ***ago*** was caught up to the third *heaven*. Whether it was in the body or *out* of the body I do not know--God knows. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 3 | - | And I know that this man--whether in the body or ***apart*** from the body I do not know, but God knows-- |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 4 | - | was caught up to ***paradise*** and *heard* ***inexpressible*** things, things that no one is ***permitted*** to *tell*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 5 | - | I will boast about a man *like* that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 6 | - | Even if I should ***choose*** to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I ***refrain***, so no one will *think* more of me *than* is ***warranted*** by what I do or *say*, |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 7 | - | or because of *these* ***surpassingly*** *great* revelations. Therefore, in order to *keep* me from ***becoming*** ***conceited***, I was *given* a ***thorn*** in my *flesh*, a ***messenger*** of *Satan*, to ***torment*** me. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 8 | - | Three times I *pleaded* with the Lord to take it *away* from me. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 9 | - | But he *said* to me, "My *grace* is *sufficient* for you, for my power is made ***perfect*** in *weakness*." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may *rest* on me. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 10 | - | That is *why*, for Christ's *sake*, I *delight* in weaknesses, in ***insults***, in *hardships*, in ***persecutions***, in ***difficulties***. For when I am *weak*, *then* I am *strong*. |

### Paul's Concern for the Corinthians

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 11 | - | I have made a fool of myself, but you ***drove*** me to it. I *ought* to have been ***commended*** by you, for I am not in the least inferior to the "*super-apostles*," even though I am nothing. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 12 | - | I ***persevered*** in ***demonstrating*** *among* you the ***marks*** of a *true* *apostle*, ***including*** *signs*, ***wonders*** and *miracles*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 13 | - | *How* *were* you inferior to the other *churches*, except that I was *never* a burden to you? *Forgive* me this *wrong*! |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 14 | - | Now I am *ready* to visit you for the third *time*, and I will not be a burden to you, because what I want is not your ***possessions*** but you. *After* all, children should not have to *save* up for their *parents*, but *parents* for their children. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 15 | - | So I will *very* gladly *spend* for you everything I have and ***expend*** myself as *well*. If I love you more, will you love me *less*? |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 16 | - | Be that as it may, I have not been a burden to you. *Yet*, ***crafty*** *fellow* that I am, I caught you by ***trickery***! |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 17 | - | Did I exploit you *through* *any* of the *men* I sent to you? |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 18 | - | I *urged* Titus to go to you and I sent *our* *brother* with *him*. Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not *walk* in the same ***footsteps*** by the same Spirit? |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 19 | - | Have you been *thinking* all *along* that we have been ***defending*** *ourselves* to you? We have been speaking in the sight of God as those in Christ; and everything we do, *dear* *friends*, is for your *strengthening*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 20 | - | For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I *fear* that there may be ***discord***, *jealousy*, ***fits*** of ***rage***, ***selfish*** ***ambition***, ***slander***, ***gossip***, ***arrogance*** and *disorder*. |
|  | 2 Cor | 12 | : | 21 | - | I am afraid that when I come *again* my God will ***humble*** me *before* you, and I will be *grieved* *over* *many* who have *sinned* *earlier* and have not ***repented*** of the ***impurity***, *sexual* *sin* and ***debauchery*** in *which* *they* have ***indulged***. |

## 2 Corinthians 13

### Final Warnings

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 1 | - | This will be my *third* *visit* to you. "*Every* *matter* *must* be ***established*** by the *testimony* of *two* or *three* *witnesses*." |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 2 | - | I *already* gave you a ***warning*** when I was with you the *second* *time*. I now *repeat* *it* *while* absent: *On* my *return* I will not *spare* *those* *who* *sinned* *earlier* or *any* of the others, |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 3 | - | since you are ***demanding*** *proof* that Christ is *speaking* *through* me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is ***powerful*** *among* you. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 4 | - | For to be ***sure***, he was *crucified* in *weakness*, yet he *lives* by God's power. *Likewise*, we are weak in him, yet by God's power we will live with him in our dealing with you. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 5 | - | *Examine* yourselves to see *whether* you are in the *faith*; test yourselves. Do you not *realize* that Christ Jesus is in you--*unless*, of ***course***, you ***fail*** the test? |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 6 | - | And I *trust* that you will ***discover*** that we have not failed the test. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 7 | - | Now we *pray* to God that you will not do anything *wrong*--not so that people will see that we have ***stood*** the test but so that you will do what is *right* *even* though we may *seem* to have failed. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 8 | - | For we *cannot* do anything *against* the truth, but only for the truth. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 9 | - | We are *glad* *whenever* we are weak but you are strong; and our *prayer* is that you may be *fully* ***restored***. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 10 | - | This is *why* I *write* *these* *things* when I *am* absent, that when I come I may not have to be ***harsh*** in my *use* of authority--the authority the Lord gave me for building you *up*, not for *tearing* you down. |

### Final Greetings

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| ¶ | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 11 | - | *Finally*, *brothers* and *sisters*, *rejoice*! ***Strive*** for *full* ***restoration***, ***encourage*** one another, be of one *mind*, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 12 | - | Greet one another with a holy kiss. |
|  | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 13 | - | All God's people *here* *send* *their* *greetings*. |
| ¶ | 2 Cor | 13 | : | 14 | - | May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the *fellowship* of the Holy Spirit be with you all. |