accompanied by a description of the man as  
*weak*,—for thus the building up would be  
without solid foundation—*a building up  
undo ruin,* as Calvin calls it.

11.]  
…**and (thus) the weak perishes** (hereafter: see the parallel, Rom, xiv. 15 and  
note) by (literally, in, as the element  
in which,—he entering into it as his own,  
which it is not) **thy knowledge, — the  
brother, in whose behalf Christ died ?**—  
See again Rom. xiv. 15.

12.] thus,  
viz. as described in wv. The and  
which follows fixes, and explains what is  
meant by sinning against the brethren.

**wound**] literally, smite. Chrysostom  
says, “ What can be more unfeeling  
than to smite one who is weak ?”

13.] F*ervid expression of his own  
resolution consequent on these considerations  
by way of an example to them*.

**meat]** in the most general sense:  
**food**, i.e. *any* article of food, as ver. 8;  
purposely indefinite here; ‘if such a matter  
ter as food…’ but presently particularized.

**flesh]** meaning, in order the  
more certainly not to eat flesh offered to an  
idol, I will abstain from every kind of flesh.

IX. 1—27.] *He digressively illustrates.  
the spirit of self-denial which he professed.  
in the resolution of ch.vii. 13,—  
by contratsting his rights as an Apostle with his actual conduct in abstaining from demanding them ((verses 1—22). This self-denying conduct he further exemplifies,* verses 23—27, *for their imitation*,

1.] He sets forth, (1) his inde  
pendence of men (contrast ver. 19); (2)  
his apostolic office; (3) his *dignity* as an  
Apostle, in having been vouchsafed a sight  
of Christ Jesus our Lord ; (4) his efficiency  
in the office, as having converted them to  
God.

**free**] So that the resolution of ch. viii. 13 is not necessitated by  
any *dependence* on my part *on the opinion  
of others*. The order of the clauses adopted  
in the Revised Text is that found in our  
most ancient authorities.

**have I not  
seen Jesus Carist our Lord?]** Not, during  
the life of our Lord on earth, as some  
think, nor is such an idea supported by  
2 Cor. v. 16; see note there ;—but, in the.  
*appearance* of the Lord to him *by the way  
to Damascus* (Acts ix. 17; ch. xv. 8); and  
also, secondarily, in those *other visions  
and appearances,*—recorded by him, Acts  
xviii 9 (?) xxii. 17,—and possibly on  
other occasions since his conversion.

**in the Lord** is not a mere humble qualification **of my work** (i. e. God’s work, not  
mine),—but designates, as elsewhere, the  
*element, in which* the work is done: they  
were his work as an Apostle, i.e. *as the  
servant of the Lord enabled by the Lord,*  
and SO IN THE LORD. See ch. iv. 15

2.] At least my apostleship cannot be  
denied by *you* of all men, who are its seal  
and proof.

**the seal]** *as being the  
proof of his apostolic calling and energy*,