I. CORINTHIANS. Vv.   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION,   
 Christ, 5 to “deliver such an one 5 to deliver such an one   
 2 Cor. 7. unto ‘Satan for the destruction of unto Satan for the destruc-   
 his flesh, that his spirit may be tion of the flesh, that the   
 of the Lord. spirit may be saved in the   
 saved in the day day of the Lord Jesus.   
 ie k Your glorying is © Your glorying is not   
 Know ye not that not good. Know ye not that a little   
 Ya little leaven leaven leaveneth the whole   
 w leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge lunp? 7 Purge out there-   
 out the old leaven, that ye may be a Sore the old leaven, that   
 new lump, according as ye are un- ye may be a new lump, as   
 For ™our passover also ye are unleavened. For   
 m John xix.14. been sacrificed, even ® Christ : even Christ our passover   
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 malignant ulcer, or other Estius’s hereafter, but by their character being   
 object to this, that in 2 Cor. ii. vii. actually lost. One of them was a forni-   
 we find no trace of such bodily chastise- cator of a fearfully kind, tolerated   
 ment, is not to the point, —hecause we and harboured : by this fact, the character   
 have no proof that this delivering to Satan of the whole was tainted. 7.) The   
 awas ever inflicted,—nor does the Apostle old leaven is not the maa, but the crime,   
 command it, but only describes it as his attaching to their character as a church,   
 own determination, held as it were in fer- which was a remnant of their unconverted   
 rovem over the offender. See note on state, their “old man.” This they are to   
 ver. 13.—Observe, destruction of his flesh, purge out from among them. The com-   
 the offending element, not of his body. mand alludes to the careful ‘purging out’   
 St. Paul could not say this, seeing that from the houses of every thing leavened   
 the body is to partake of the salva- before the commencement of the feast of   
 tion of the spirit not the flesh, unleayened bread.—That ye may be a new   
 see ch. xv. 50. 5.) The aim of lump (opposed to the “old man” of old   
 the destruction of the flesh,—which he and dissolute days), as ye are (normally,   
 said, as Chrysostom remarks, “to put and by your Christian profession) un-   
 bounds to the devil, and not to allow him leavened (i.e. dead to sin and free from   
 to advance further.” Thus the proposed it). This indicating the state by pro-   
 punishment, severe as it might seem, fession, the normal state, as a fact, and   
 would be in reality a merciful one, tending the grounding of exhortations on it, is   
 to the eternal happiness of the offender. common enough with our Apostle,—sce   
 A greater contrast to this hardly be Rom. vi. 8, 4: ch. iii. and other places,   
 conceived, than the terrible forms of ex- and involves no tautology here, any more   
 communication subsequently devised, and than elsewhere.—An unfortunate inter-   
 even now in use in the Romish church, pretation has been given to these words,   
 under the fiction of delegated apostolic —as ye are now celebrating the feast of   
 power. The delivering to Satan for the unleavened bread;’? and has met with   
 destruction of the spirit, can helong only some recent defenders. See in my Greek   
 to those who do the work of Satan. Test. the reasons which have led me to   
 6.] ‘How inconsistent with your decide against this view. I can only say   
 harbouring such an one, appear your high- here, that the reference is one wholly alien   
 flown conceits of yourselves !? Your from the habit and spirit of our Apostle.   
 glorying: literally, matter of glory- The ordinances of the old law are to aot   
 ing. Are you not aware that a little points on whose actual observanceto ground   
 leaven imparts a character to the whole spiritual lessons, but things passed   
 lump? That this is the meaning, and their literal and become spiri-   
 not, ‘that a little leaven if not purged tual verities in Christ. He thus regards   
 out, leaven the whole lump,’ is manifest the Corinthian church as (normally) the   
 from the point in hand, viz. the incon- unleavened lump at the Passover; he be-   
 sistency of their boasting: which would seeches them to put away the old leaven   
 not appear by their danger of corruption from among them, to correspond with this