II. CORINTHIANS.   
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 sorrow. 8 Wherefore I with the increase of sorrow. 8 Where-   
 beseech you that ye would fore I beseech you to confirm your   
 confirm your love toward love toward him.   
 him. ° For to this end also did I write, that For might this end   
 also did I write, that I the proof of you, whether ye be !obe- ich.yiiis.a   
 might know the proof of dient in all things.   
 you, whether ye be obedient forgive any thing,   
 in all things. 1° To whom for indeed what I have whom ye   
 ye forgive any thing, I for- if I have forgiven I any thing, also:   
 give also: for if I forgave yonr sakes forgave I it in the per-   
 any thing, to whom I for- son of Christ; }! that no advantage   
 gave it, for your sakes be gained over us by Satan: for we   
 forgave I it in the person are not ignorant of his devices.   
 of Christ; “lest Satan 22 Furthermore,   
 should get an advantage \Troas for the gospel of Christ,’ and   
 ofus: for we are not igno-   
 rant of his devices.   
 12 Furthermore, when I Kwhen I came to «Acts xvi.8,   
 came to Troas to preach & xx.6,   
   
   
 but leaves them to imagine such possible. place, takes place on their account. in   
 8.] to confirm, hardly (as usually the person of Christ] i. e. as, Christ,   
 understood) fo ratify by a public decree of in the same way as he had commanded the   
 the church : if (see his exclusion was punishment, “7x the name of our Lord   
 not by such a decree, but only by the ab- Jesus Christ,” 1 Cor. v. 11.] follows   
 stinence of individuals his society, out and explains “for your sakes :’—to   
 ratifying their love to him would consist. prevent Satan getting any advantage over   
 in the majority making it evident to him us (the Church generally: or better, us   
 that he was again recognized as a brother. Apostles), in robbing us of some of our   
 9.] Reason why they should now be people, — viz., in causing the penitent   
 ready to shew love to him again,—the end offender to despair and full away from the   
 of St. Paul’s writing to them having been. faith. Chrysostom remarks, “The word   
 accomplished by their obeying his order. ‘advantage’ is used appropriately, in a   
 For to this end also did I write: the also case where Satan would be conquering us   
 signifying that my former epistle, well by our own weapons. For him to make a   
 as my present exhortation, tended to this, man his prey by means of siz, is proper   
 viz. the testing obedience. that attribute: but not through penitence : the   
 I might know the proof of you, whether weapon is ours, not his.” The word has   
 in all things (emphatic) ye are obedient] yet another propriety: the offender was to   
 This was that one among the various be delivered over to Satan for the destruc-   
 objects of his first Epistle, which be- tion of the flesk—care must be taken lest   
 longed to the matter at present in hand, we be overreached by Satan, and his soul   
 and which he therefore puts forward: perish likewise. his devices] such   
 not by any means implying that he had devices, as coming from him, are special   
 no other view in writing it. matters of observation and caution to every   
 10.) Another assurance tor encourage them Christian minister ; much more to him who.   
 in forgiving and reinstating the penitent ; had the care of all churches. See 1 Pet.   
 that they need not be afraid of lack of v. 8.—The personality and agency of   
 Apostolic authority or confirmation of their the Adversary can hardly be recognized in   
 act from above—he would ratify their for- plainer terms than in both these passages.   
 giveness by his sanetion. To whom, 12—17.] He procrens (after the di-   
 &e.] ‘ Your forgiveness is mine :’ said gression) TO SHEW THEM WITH WHAT   
 generally, but definitely, pointing at the ANXIETY \_HE AWAITED THE.INTELII-   
 one Vou. IT. spoken of, and no other. GENCE FROM CORINTH, AND HOW THANK-   
 Then he substantiates this assurance, FUL HE WAS FOR THE SEAL OF HIS   
 hy further assuring them, that his forgive- APOSTOLIC MINISPRY FURNISWED BY IT.   
 ness of any fault in this case, if takes —The only legitimate connexion is that   
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