**CHAPTER 2**

*He grants a pardon to the incestuous man upon his doing penance.*

**1** But I determined this with myself, not to come to you again in sorrow.

**2** For if I make you sorrowful, who is he then that can make me glad, but the same who is made sorrowful by me?

**3** And I wrote this same to you; that I may not, when I come, have sorrow upon sorrow, from them of whom I ought to rejoice: having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

**4** For out of much affliction and anguish of heart, I wrote to you with many tears: not that you should be made sorrowful: but that you might know the charity I have more abundantly towards you.

**5** And if any one have caused grief, he hath not grieved me; but in part, that I may not burden you all.

**6** To him who is such a one, this rebuke is sufficient, which is given by many:

**7** So that on the contrary, you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

**8** Wherefore, I beseech you, that you would confirm your charity towards him.

**9** For to this end also did I write, that I may know the experiment of you, whether you be obedient in all things.

**10** And to whom you have pardoned any thing, I also. For, what I have pardoned, if I have pardoned any thing, for your sakes have I done it in the person of Christ.

**11** That we be not overreached by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his devices.

**12** And when I was come to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and a door was opened unto me in the Lord,

**13** I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother; but bidding them farewell, I went into Macedonia.

**14** Now thanks be to God, who always maketh us to triumph in Christ Jesus, and manifesteth the odour of his knowledge by us in every place.

**15** For we are the good odour of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.

**16** To the one indeed the odour of death unto death: but to the others the odour of life unto life. And for these things who is so sufficient?

**17** For we are not as many, adulterating the word of God; but with sincerity, but as from God, before God, in Christ we speak.