

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Salutation. Thanksgiving. Exhortation to Unity.

PAUL, ^acalled as an apostle of Jesus Christ ^bby ^cthe will of God, and ^cSosthenes our ^dbrother,

2 to ^athe church of God which is at ^bCorinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, ¹saints ^cby calling, with all who in every place ^dcall upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 ^aI thank ¹my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were ^aenriched in Him, in all ^bspeech and ^ball knowledge,

6 even as ^athe testimony concerning Christ was confirmed ^bin you,

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, ^aawaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^awho shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in ^bthe day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^aGod is faithful, through whom you were ^bcalled into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now ^aI exhort you, ^bbrethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all ¹agree, and there be no ²divisions among you, but you be ³made complete in ^dthe same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by ^aChloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

12 Now I mean this, that ^aeach one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of ^bApollos," and "I of ^cCephas," and "I of Christ."

13 ¹Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you ^abaptized ²in the name of Paul?

14 ¹I thank God that I ^abaptized none of you, except ^aCrispus and ^bGaius,

15 that no man should say you were baptized ^bin my name.

16 Now I did baptize also the ^ahousehold of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 ^aFor Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ^bnot in ¹cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to ^athose who ¹are perishing ^bfoolishness, but to us who ²are being saved it is ^cthe power of God.

19 For it is written,

"I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,
AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET
ASIDE."

20 ^aWhere is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of ^bthis age? Has not God ^cmade foolish the wisdom of ^dthe world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God ^athe world through its

¹Lit., *through*

^aRom. 1:1; ^bRom. 15:32;
²Cor. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1;
²Tim. 1:1; Rom. 1:10;
²Cor. 8:5 ^cActs 18:17 ^dActs 1:15

²I.e., *true believers*; lit., *holy ones*

^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^bActs 18:1;
^aRom. 1:7; ^bActs 7:59

³ ^aRom. 1:7

⁴ Some ancient mss. omit ^{my}

^aRom. 1:8

⁵ ^a2 Cor. 9:11 ^b2 Cor. 8:7;
Rom. 15:14

⁶ ^aOr, *among*

^a2 Tim. 1:8; ^b2 Thess. 1:10;
1 Tim. 2:6; Rev. 1:2

⁷ ^aRom. 8:19, 23; Phil.
3:20; Luke 17:30; ^b2 Pet. 3:12

⁸ ^aPhil. 1:6; Col. 2:7;
1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23; Rom.
8:19 ^b1 Cor. 5:5; ^c2 Cor. 1:14;
Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16; ^d1 Thess.
5:2; ^e2 Thess. 2:2; Luke 17:24,
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⁹ ^aDeut. 7:9; Is. 49:7;

¹Cor. 10:13; ^b2 Cor. 1:18;
1 Thess. 5:24; ^c2 Thess. 3:3;

^bRom. 8:28 ^c1 John 1:3

¹⁰ ^aLit., *speak the same*
^{thing} ^bLit., *schism* ^cOr,
^dunited

^aRom. 12:1; ^bRom. 1:13

^c1 Cor. 11:18 ^dRom. 12:16;
Phil. 1:27

¹¹ ^aRom. 16:10f.

¹² ^a1 Cor. 3:4; Matt. 23:8-
10 ^bActs 18:24; ^c1 Cor. 3:22;
^dJohn 1:42; ^e1 Cor. 3:22; 9:5;
15:5

¹³ ^aOr, *Christ has been*

divided! ^bOr, *is*
^cdivided! ^dLit., *into*

^eMatt. 28:19; Acts 2:38

¹⁴ Some ancient mss.

^aread, *I give thanks that*
^cActs 18:8 ^bRom. 16:23

¹⁵ ^aLit., *into*

¹⁶ ^a1 Cor. 16:15 [17]

¹⁷ ^aLit., *wisdom*

^aJohn 4:2; ^bActs 10:48 ^b1 Cor.
2:1, 4, 13; ^c2 Cor. 10:10; 11:6

¹⁸ ^aOr, *perish* ^bOr, *are*

saved

^a2 Cor. 2:15; 4:3; 2 Thess.
2:10; ^bActs 2:47 ^b1 Cor. 1:21;

23, 25; 2:14; 4:10 ^c1 Cor.

1:24; ^dRom. 1:16

¹⁹ ^aIs. 29:14

²⁰ ^aJob 12:17; ^bIs. 19:11f;

33:18 marg. ^bMatt. 13:22;

^c1 Cor. 2:6, 8; 3:18, 19 ^bRom.

1:20ff. ^d1 Cor. 1:27f.; 6:2;

11:32; John 12:31; James 4:4

²¹ ^a1 Cor. 1:27f.; 6:2; 11:32;

^bJohn 12:31; James 4:4

The Wisdom of God. Nothing But Christ.

wisdom did not come to know God, ^bGod was well pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22 For indeed ^aJews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach ^{1a}Christ crucified, ^bto Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^bthe power of God and ^cthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and ^bthe weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ¹consider your call, brethren, that there were ^bnot many wise according to ²the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

27 but ^aGod has chosen the foolish things of ^bthe world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of ^bthe world to shame the things which are strong,

28 and the base things of ^athe world and the despised, God has chosen, ^bthe things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are,

29 that ^ano man should boast before God.

30 But ^bby His doing you are in ^aChrist Jesus, who became to us ^bwisdom from God, ²and ^crighteousness and ^dsanctification, and ^eredemption,

31 that, just as it is written, "^aLET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

CHAPTER 2

AND when I came to you, brethren, I ^adid not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you ^bthe testimony of God.

2 For I determined to know nothing among you except ^aJesus Christ, and Him crucified.

3 And I ^awas with you in ^bweakness and in ^cfear and in much trembling.

4 And my ¹message and my preaching were ^anot in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of ^bthe Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith should not ¹rest on the wisdom of men, but on ^athe power of God.

6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are ^amature; a wisdom, however, not of ^bthis age, nor of the rulers of ^bthis age, who are ^cpassing away;

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a ^amystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ^bpredestined before the ages to our glory;

8 the wisdom ^awhich none of the rulers of ^bthis age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified ^cthe Lord of glory;

9 but just as it is written,

"^aTHINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,

AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE
HIM."

²¹¹Lit., *preaching*
^aGal. 1:15; Col. 1:19; Luke 12:32 ¹Cor. 1:18, 23, 25;
2:14; 4:10 ¹Tim. 4:16;
2 Tim. 2:10; 3:15; 4:18; Heb.
7:25; James 5:20; Rom. 11:14

²²¹Or, *attesting miracles*
^aMatt. 12:38

²³¹I.e., Messiah
^a1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 3:1; 5:11
^bLuke 2:34; 1 Pet. 2:8 ¹Cor.
1:18, 21, 25; 2:14; 4:10

²⁴¹Rom. 8:28 ¹Cor. 1:18;
Rom. 1:16 ^cLuke 11:49;
1 Cor. 1:30

²⁵¹1 Cor. 1:18, 21, 23; 2:14;
1 Cor. 4:10 ²Cor. 13:4

²⁶¹Lit., *see 2 Or, human
standards*
^aRom. 11:29 ¹Cor. 2:8;
1:20; Matt. 11:25

²⁷^aJames 2:5 ^b1 Cor. 1:20

²⁸¹Cor. 1:20 ^bRom. 4:17
^c1 Cor. 2:6; Job 34:19;
2 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 2:14

²⁹¹Lit., *flesh*
^aEph. 2:9

³⁰¹Lit., *of Him* ²Or, *both*
^a1 Cor. 4:15; Rom. 8:1
^b1 Cor. 1:24 ^c2 Cor. 5:21;
Phil. 3:9; Jer. 23:5f.; 33:16
^d1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11; 1 Thess.
5:23 ^eEph. 1:7, 14; Col. 1:4;
Rom. 3:24

³¹^aJer. 9:23f.; 2 Cor. 10:17

¹Some ancient mss.
read, *mystery*
^a1 Cor. 2:4, 13; 1:17 ^b1 Cor.
2:7

²Gal. 6:14; 1 Cor. 1:23

³^aAct 18:1, 6, 12 ^b1 Cor.
4:10; 2 Cor. 11:30; 12:5, 9f.;
13:9 ^cIs. 19:16; Eph. 6:5;
2 Cor. 7:15

⁴¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Cor. 2:1, 13; 1:17 ^bRom.
15:19; 1 Cor. 4:20

⁵¹Lit., *be*
^a2 Cor. 4:7; 6:7; 2 Cor. 12:9

⁶^aEph. 4:13; Phil. 3:15
marg.; Heb. 5:14; 6:1 ^b1 Cor.
1:20; Matt. 13:22 ^c1 Cor.
1:28

⁷^aCor. 2:1; Rom. 11:25;
16:25f. ^bRom. 8:29f. ^cHeb.
1:2; 11:3

⁸^aCor. 2:6; 1:26 ^b1 Cor.
1:20; Matt. 13:22 ^cActs 7:2;
James 2:1

⁹^aIs. 64:4; 65:17

1 Corinthians 2, 3

10 ^aSome ancient mss. use,

But

^aMatt. 11:25; 13:11; 16:17;
Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:3; ^bJohn
14:26 ^cRom. 11:33ff.

11 ^aProv. 20:27

12 ^aRom. 8:15 ^b1 Cor. 1:27

13 ^aOr, interpreting
spiritual things to spiritual
men
^a1 Cor. 1:17; 1 Cor. 2:1, 4

14 ^aCor, unspiritual ^bOr,
examined
^a1 Cor. 15:44, 46; James 3:15
marg.; Jude 19 marg. ^bJohn
14:17 ^c1 Cor. 1:18

15 ^a1 Cor. 3:1; 14:37; Gal.
6:1

16 ^aIs. 40:13; Rom. 11:34
^bJohn 15:15

1 ^a1 Cor. 2:15; 14:37; Gal.
6:1 ^bRom. 7:14; 1 Cor. 2:14
^cHeb. 5:13; 1 Cor. 2:6; Eph.
4:14

2 ^aHeb. 5:12f.; 1 Pet. 2:2
^bJohn 16:12

3 ^aLit., according to man
^aRom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 1:10f.;
11:18 ^b1 Cor. 3:4

4 ^a1 Cor. 1:12 ^b1 Cor. 3:3

5 ^a2 Cor. 6:4; Eph. 3:7;
Col. 1:25; Rom. 15:16;
2 Cor. 3:3, 6; 4:1; 5:18;
1 Tim. 1:12 ^bRom. 12:6;
1 Cor. 3:10

6 ^aActs 18:4-11, 18; 1 Cor.
4:15; 9:11; 15:1; 2 Cor. 10:14f.
^bActs 18:27; 1 Cor. 1:12
^c1 Cor. 15:10

7 ^aOr, wages
^a1 Cor. 3:14; 1 Cor. 4:5; 9:17;
Gal. 6:4

8 ^aOr, cultivated land
^aMark 16:20; 2 Cor. 6:1 ^bIs.
61:3; Matt. 15:13 ^cEph. 2:20-
22; Col. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5;
1 Cor. 3:16

10 ^aRom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 15:10
^bRom. 15:20; 1 Cor. 3:11f.
^c1 Thess. 3:2

11 ^aIs. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:4ff.;
Eph. 2:20

12 ^aOr, costly

13 ^aLit., of what sort each
man's work is
^a1 Cor. 4:5 ^b2 Thess. 1:7-10;
2 Tim. 1:12, 18; 4:8; 1 Cor.
1:8; Matt. 10:15; 1 Cor. 4:3
marg.

14 ^a1 Cor. 3:8; 4:5; 9:17;
Gal. 6:4

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10 ^aFor to us God revealed *them* ^bthrough the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the ^cdepths of God.

11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the ^aspirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we ^ahave received, not the spirit of ^bthe world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, ^anot in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, ¹combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual words.

14 But a ^anatural man ^bdoes not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are ^cfoolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually ²appraised.

15 But he who is ^aspiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.

16 For ^aWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? But ^bwe have the mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

AND I, brethren, could not speak to you as to ^aspiritual men, but as to ^bmen of flesh, as to ^cbabes in Christ.

2 I gave you ^amilk to drink, not solid food; for you ^bwere not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able;

3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is ^ajealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking ^blike mere men?

4 For when ^aone says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not ^bmere ^cmen?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? ^aServants through whom you believed, even ^bas the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

6 ^aI planted, ^bApollos watered, but ^cGod was causing the growth.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will ^areceive his own ¹reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's ^afellow-workers; you are God's ^bfield, God's ^cbuilding.

10 According to ^athe grace of God which was given to me, as a wise masterbuilder ^bI laid a foundation, and ^canother is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

11 For no man can lay a ^afoundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, ¹precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 ^aeach man's work will become evident; for ^bthe day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test ¹the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall ^areceive a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet ^aso as through fire.

16 ^aDo you not know that ^byou are a ¹temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the ¹temple of God, God will destroy him, for the ¹temple of God is holy, and ²that is what you are.

18 ^aLet no man deceive himself. ^bIf any man among you thinks that he is wise in ^cthis age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.

19 For ^athe wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "He is ^bTHE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";

20 and again, "^aTHE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."

21 So then ^alet no one boast in men. For ^ball things belong to you,

22 ^awhether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or ^blife or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

23 and ^ayou belong to Christ; and ^bChrist belongs to God.

CHAPTER 4

LET a man regard us in this manner, as ^aservants of Christ, and ^bstewards of ^cthe mysteries of God.

2 In this case, moreover, it is required ¹of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human ¹court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

4 I ^aam conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this ^bacquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

5 Therefore ^ado not go on ¹passing judgment before ²the time, *but wait* ^buntil the Lord comes who will both ^cbring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's ^dpraise will come to him from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed ^awhat is written, in order that no one of you might ^bbecome ¹arrogant ^cin behalf of one against the other.

7 For who regards you as superior? And ^awhat do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are ^aalready filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men ^acondemned to death; because we ^bhave become a spectacle to the world, ¹both to angels and to men.

10 We are ^afools for Christ's sake, but ^byou are prudent in Christ; ^cwe are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both ^ahungry and thirsty,

¹⁵ ^aJob 23:10; Ps. 66:10, 12; Jude 23

¹⁶ ¹Or, *sanctuary*

^aRom. 6:16 ^b1 Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21f.; Rom. 8:9

¹⁷ ¹Or, *sanctuary* ²Lit., *which you are*

¹⁸ ^aIs. 5:21 ^b1 Cor. 8:2; Gal. 6:3 ^c1 Cor. 1:20

¹⁹ ^a1 Cor. 1:20 ^bJob 5:13

²⁰ ^aPs. 94:11

²¹ ^a1 Cor. 4:6 ^bRom. 8:32

²² ^a1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6
^bRom. 8:38

²³ ^a1 Cor. 15:23; 2 Cor. 10:7; Gal. 3:29 ^b1 Cor. 11:3; 15:28

¹ ^aLuke 1:2 ^b1 Cor. 9:17; Titus 1:7; 1 Pet. 4:10 ^cRom. 11:25; 16:25

² ¹Lit., *in*

³ ¹Lit., *day*

⁴ ^a2 Cor. 1:12; Acts 23:1
^bPs. 143:2; Rom. 2:13

⁵ ¹Lit., *judging anything*
2I.e., the appointed time of judgment
^aMatt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1 ^bRom. 2:16; John 21:22 ^c1 Cor. 3:13
^d2 Cor. 10:18; Rom. 2:29;
1 Cor. 3:8

⁶ ¹Lit., *puffed up*
^a1 Cor. 1:19, 31; 3:19f.
^b1 Cor. 4:18f.; 1 Cor. 8:1;
13:4 ^c1 Cor. 1:12; 3:4

⁷ ^aJohn 3:27; Rom. 12:3, 6;
1 Pet. 4:10

⁸ ^aRev. 3:17f.

⁹ ¹Or, *and to angels and to men*
^a1 Cor. 15:31; 2 Cor. 11:23;
Rom. 8:36 ^bHab. 10:33

¹⁰ ^a1 Cor. 1:18; Acts 17:18;
26:24 ^b2 Cor. 11:19; 1 Cor.
1:19f.; 3:18 ^c2 Cor. 13:9;
1 Cor. 2:3

¹¹ ^aRom. 8:35; 2 Cor.
11:23-27

1 Corinthians 4, 5

¹² ^aActs 18:3 ^b1 Pet. 3:9
^cJohn 15:20; Rom. 8:35

¹³ ¹Or, *console*
^aLam. 3:45

¹⁴ ^a1 Cor. 6:5; 15:34
^b2 Cor. 6:13; 12:14; 1 Thess. 2:11; 1 John 2:1; 3 John 4

¹⁵ ^aGal. 3:24f. ^b1 Cor. 1:30;
^cPhilem. 10; Gal. 4:19;
1 Cor. 3:8; Num. 11:12
^d1 Cor. 9:12, 14, 18, 23; 15:1

¹⁶ ^a1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17;
4:9; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:9

¹⁷ ^a1 Cor. 16:10 ^bActs 16:1
^c1 Tim. 1:2; 18; 2 Tim. 1:2;
1 Cor. 4:14 ^d1 Cor. 7:17;
11:34; 14:33; 16:1; Titus 1:5

¹⁸ ¹Lit., *puffed up*
^a1 Cor. 4:6 ^b1 Cor. 4:21

¹⁹ ¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Cor. 11:34; 16:5f.; 1 Cor.
16:8; 2 Cor. 1:15f.; Acts
19:21; 20:2 ^bActs 18:21
^c1 Cor. 4:6

²⁰ ¹Lit., *word*
^a1 Cor. 2:4

²¹ ^a2 Cor. 1:23; 2:1, 3;
12:20; 13:2, 10

¹Lev. 18:8; Deut. 22:30;
27:20

² ¹Or, *have you . . . ?* ²Lit.,
puffed up ³Or, *have*
you . . . ?
^a1 Cor. 4:6 ^b2 Cor. 7:7-10
^c1 Cor. 5:13

³ ^aCol. 2:5; 1 Thess. 2:17

⁴ ¹Lit., *my spirit, with the*
power
^a2 Thess. 3:6 ^bJohn 20:23;
2 Cor. 2:6, 10; 13:3, 10;
1 Tim. 5:20

⁵ ¹Some ancient mss.
omit, *Jesus*
^aLuke 22:31; 1 Tim. 1:20;
Prov. 23:14 ^bMatt. 4:10
^c1 Cor. 1:8

⁶ ^aJames 4:16; 1 Cor. 5:2
^bRom. 6:16 ^cGal. 5:9; Matt.
16:6, 12; Hos. 7:4

⁷ ^aMark 14:12; 1 Pet. 1:19

⁸ ^aEx. 12:19; 13:7; Deut.
16:3

⁹ ^a2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11;
2 Thess. 3:6

Scum of the World. Evil in the Church.

and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

12 and we toil, ^aworking with our own hands; when we are ^breviled, we bless; when we are ^cpersecuted, we endure;

13 when we are slandered, we try to ¹conciliate; we have ^abecome as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

14 I do not write these things to ^ashame you, but to admonish you as my beloved ^bchildren.

15 For if you were to have countless ^atutors in Christ, yet you would not *have* many fathers; for in ^bChrist Jesus I ^cbecame your father through the ^dgospel.

16 I exhort you therefore, be ^aimitators of me.

17 For this reason I ^ahave sent to you ^bTimothy, who is my ^cbeloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, ^djust as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become ¹arrogant, as though I were not ^bcoming to you.

19 But I ^awill come to you soon, ^bif the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the ¹words of those who are ^carrogant, but their power.

20 For the kingdom of God does ^anot consist in ¹words, but in power.

21 What do you desire? ^aShall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

CHAPTER 5

IT is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has ^ahis father's wife.

2 And ¹you ^ahave become ²arrogant, and ³have not ^bmourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be ^cremoved from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though ^aabsent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

4 ^aIn the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and ^bI with you in spirit, ^cwith the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 I have decided to ^adeliver such a one to ^bSatan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in ^cthe day of the Lord ^dJesus.

6 ^aYour boasting is not good. ^bDo you not know that ^ca little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our ^aPassover also has been sacrificed.

8 Let us therefore celebrate the feast, ^anot with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter ^anot to associate with immoral people;

10 I did not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this

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world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with ^aidolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

11 But ¹actually, I wrote to you not to associate ²with any so-called ^abrother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or ^ban idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging ^aoutsiders? ^bDo you not judge those who are within *the church*?

13 But those who are outside, God ¹judges. ^aRemove the wicked man from among yourselves.

CHAPTER 6

DOES any one of you, when he has a ¹case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and ^anot before the ²saints?

2 Or ^ado you not know that ^bthe ¹saints will judge ^cthe world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to ²constitute the smallest law courts?

3 ^aDo you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

4 If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, ¹do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

5 ^aI say *this* to your shame. *Is it so, that* there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his ^bbrethren,

6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before ^aunbelievers?

7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. ^aWhy not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

8 On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that *your* ^abrethren.

9 Or ^ado you not know that the unrighteous shall not ^binherit the kingdom of God? ^cDo not be deceived; ^dneither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor ¹effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall ^ainherit the kingdom of God.

11 And ^asuch were some of you; but you were ^bwashed, but you were ^csanctified, but you were ^djustified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 ^aAll things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

13 ^aFood is for the ¹stomach, and the ¹stomach is for food; but God will ^bdo away with both ²of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but ^cfor the Lord; and ^dthe Lord is for the body.

14 Now God has not only ^araised the Lord, but ^bwill also raise us up through His power.

15 ^aDo you not know that ^byour bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? ^cMay it never be!

16 Or ^ado you not know that the one who joins himself to

10 ^a1 Cor. 10:27

11 ¹Or, now I write ²Lit., together if any man called a brother should be

^a2 Thess. 3:6; Acts 1:15

^b1 Cor. 10:7, 14, 20f.

12 ^aMark 4:11 ^bCor. 5:3-5; 6:1-4

13 ¹Or, will judge

^a1 Cor. 5:2; Deut. 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21

14 ¹Lit., matter ²i.e., true believers; lit., holy ones

^aMatt. 18:17

15 ¹Note 2, vs. 1 ²Or, try the trivial cases?

^aRom. 6:16 ^bMatt. 19:28;

Dan. 7:18, 22, 27 ^c1 Cor. 1:20

16 ^aRom. 6:16

17 ¹Or, appoint them . . . church.

18 ^a1 Cor. 15:34; ^b4:14 ^cActs 1:15; ^d1 Cor. 6:1 and Acts 9:13

19 ^a2 Cor. 6:14f.; ^b1 Tim. 5:8

20 ^aMatt. 5:39f.

21 ^a1 Thess. 4:6

22 ¹I.e., effeminate, by perversion

^aRom. 6:16 ^b1 Cor. 15:50;

^cGal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts

20:32 ^dCor. 15:33; Gal. 6:7;

James 1:16; Luke 21:8;

1 John 3:7 ^dRom. 13:13;

1 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 5:19-21;

Eph. 5:5; ^b1 Tim. 1:10; Rev.

21:8; 22:15

23 ^a1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; Acts 20:32

24 ^a1 Cor. 12:2; Eph. 2:2f.; Col. 3:5-7; Titus 3:3-7 ^bActs 22:16; Eph. 5:26 ^c1 Cor. 1:2, 30 ^dRom. 8:30

25 ^a1 Cor. 10:23

26 ¹Lit., belly ²Lit., it and them

^aMatt. 15:17 ^bCol. 2:22

^c1 Cor. 6:15, 19 ^dGal. 5:24;

Eph. 5:23

27 ^aActs 2:24 ^b1 Cor. 15:23; John 6:39f.

28 ^a1 Cor. 6:3; ^b1 Cor. 6:13; Rom. 12:5; 12:27; Eph. 5:30 ^cLuke 20:16

29 ^a1 Cor. 6:3

¹⁶ bGen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5;
Mark 10:8; Eph. 5:31

¹⁷ aJohn 17:21-23; Rom.
8:9-11; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:15

¹⁸ *Or, one who practices
immorality*

^{a2} Cor. 12:21; Eph. 5:3; Col.
3:5; Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9

¹⁹ *Or, sanctuary* ²Or,
God? And you... own
^{a1} Cor. 6:3 ^bJohn 2:21 ^cRom.
14:7f.

²⁰ ^{a1} Cor. 7:23; Acts 20:28;
1 Pet. 1:18f.; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev.
5:9 ^bRom. 12:1; Phil. 1:20

¹ ^{a1} Cor. 7:8, 26

³ ¹Lit., render

⁵ ¹Lit., be
^aEx. 19:15; 1 Sam. 21:5
^bMatt. 4:10

⁶ ^{a2} Cor. 8:8

⁷ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, For
^{a1} Cor. 7:8; 9:5 ^{b1} Cor. 12:4,
11; Rom. 12:6; Matt. 19:11f.

⁸ ^{a1} Cor. 7:1, 26 ^{b1} Cor.
7:7, 9:5

⁹ ¹I.e., burn with passion
^{a1} Tim. 5:14

¹⁰ ¹Lit., depart from
^{a1} Cor. 7:6; Mal. 2:16; Matt.
5:32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12;
Luke 16:18

¹¹ ¹Or, leave his wife

¹² ¹Or, leave her
^{a1} Cor. 7:6; 2 Cor. 11:17

¹³ ¹Or, leave her husband

¹⁴ ¹Lit., the brother
^aEzra 9:2; Mal. 2:15

¹⁵ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, you ²Lit., in
^aRom. 14:19

¹⁶ ^{a1} Pet. 3:1; Rom. 11:14

a harlot is one body *with her?* For He says, "bTHE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is *a*one spirit *with Him.*

18 *a*Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the *immoral* man sins against his own body.

19 Or *ado* you not know that *b*your body is a *1*temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from *2*God, and that *c*you are not your own?

20 For *a*you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in *b*your body.

CHAPTER 7

NOW concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband *1*fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

5 *a*Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and *1*come together again lest *b*Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But this I say by way of concession, *a*not of command.

7 *1*Yet I wish that all men were *a*even as I myself am. However, *b*each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain *b*even as I.

9 But if they do not have self-control, *a*let them marry; for it is better to marry than to *b*burn.

10 But to the married I give instructions, *a*not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not *1*leave her husband

11 (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not *1*send his wife away.

12 But to the rest *a*I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not *1*send her away.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not *1*send her husband away.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through *1*her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are *a*holy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called *1*us *2*to peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will *a*save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

Advice on Marriage.

17 Only, ^aas the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And ^bthus I direct in all the churches.

18 Was any man called *already* circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? ^aLet him not be circumcised.

19 ^aCircumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is ^bthe keeping of the commandments of God.

20 ^aLet each man remain in that ¹condition in which he was called.

21 Were you called while a slave? ¹Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather ²do that.

22 For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is ^athe Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is ^bChrist's slave.

23 ^aYou were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, ^alet each man remain with God in that *condition* in which he was called.

25 Now concerning virgins I have ^ano command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who ^{1b}by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

26 I think then that this is good in view of the ¹present ^adistress, that ^bit is good for a man ²to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you should marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin should marry, she has not sinned. Yet such will have ¹trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, ^athe time has been shortened, so that from now on both those who have wives should be as though they had none;

30 and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;

31 and those who use the world, as though they did not ^amake full use of it; for ^bthe form of this world is passing away.

32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is ^aunmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his ¹wife,

34 and *his interests* are divided. And the woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but ¹to promote what is seemly, and *to secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord.

36 But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly toward his virgin *daughter*, if she should be of full age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let ¹her marry.

37 But he who stands firm in his heart, ¹being under no

¹⁷ ^aRom. 12:3 ^b1 Cor. 4:17
^c1 Cor. 14:33; 11:16; 2 Cor.
8:18; 11:28; Gal. 1:22;
1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 1:4

18 ^aActs 15:1ff.

¹⁹ ^aGal. 5:6; 6:15; Col. 3:11;
Rom. 2:27, 29; Gal. 3:28
^bRom. 2:25

20 ¹Lit., *calling*

^a1 Cor. 7:24

²¹ ¹Lit., *Let it not be a care*
to you ²Lit., *use*

²² ^aJohn 8:32, 36; Philem.
¹⁶ ^bEph. 6:6; Col. 3:24;
1 Pet. 2:16

23 ^a1 Cor. 6:20

24 ^a1 Cor. 7:20

²⁵ ¹Lit., *has had mercy*
shown on him by the Lord to
be trustworthy
^a1 Cor. 7:6 ^b2 Cor. 4:1;
1 Tim. 1:13, 16

²⁶ ¹Or, *impending* ²Lit., *so*
to be
^aLuke 21:23; 2 Thess. 2:2
^b1 Cor. 7:1, 8

²⁸ ¹Lit., *tribulation in the*
flesh

²⁹ ^aRom. 13:11ff.; 1 Cor.
7:31

³¹ ^a1 Cor. 9:18 ^b1 Cor.
7:29; 1 John 2:17

32 ^a1 Tim. 5:5

³³ ¹Some mss. read, *wife*.
And there is a difference
also between the wife and
the virgin. One who is
unmarried is concerned . . .

35 ¹Lit., *for what is seemly*

36 ¹Lit., *them*

³⁷ ¹Lit., *having no*
necessity

1 Corinthians 7, 8, 9

37 ^aLit., pertaining to ^bOr, virgin

39 ^aLit., has fallen asleep
^bRom. 7:2 ^b2 Cor. 6:14

40 ^a1 Cor. 7:6, 25

1 ^aLit., puffs up
^a1 Cor. 8:4, 7, 10; Acts 15:20
^b1 Cor. 8:7, 10; 10:15; Rom. 15:14 ^c1 Cor. 4:6 ^dRom. 14:19

2 ^a1 Cor. 3:18 ^b1 Cor. 13:8, 9, 12; 1 Tim. 6:4

3 ^aGal. 4:9; Rom. 8:29; 11:2; Ps. 1:6; Jer. 1:5; Amos 3:2

4 ^aI.e., has no real existence
^a1 Cor. 8:1, 7, 10; Acts 15:20
^b1 Cor. 10:19; Acts 14:15; Gal. 4:8 ^c1 Cor. 8:6; Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4

5 ^a2 Thess. 2:4

6 ^a1 Cor. 8:4; Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4 ^bMal. 2:10; Eph. 4:6 ^cRom. 11:36 ^d1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 4:5; John 13:13; 1 Tim. 2:5 ^eJohn 1:3; Col. 1:16

7 ^a1 Cor. 8:4ff. ^bRom. 14:14, 22f.

8 ^aOr, present ^bLit., lacking ^cLit., abounding
^aRom. 14:17

9 ^aLit., right
^aRom. 14:13, 21; 1 Cor. 10:28; Gal. 5:13 ^b1 Cor. 8:10ff.; Rom. 14:1

10 ^a1 Cor. 8:4ff. ^b1 Cor. 8:1, 4, 7; Acts 15:20

11 ^a1 Cor. 8:4ff. ^bRom. 14:15, 20

12 ^aMatt. 18:6; Rom. 14:20
^bMatt. 25:45

13 ^aRom. 14:21; 1 Cor. 10:32; 2 Cor. 6:3; 11:29

14 ^a1 Cor. 9:19; 10:29 ^bActs 14:14; 2 Cor. 12:12; 1 Thess. 2:6; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11; Rom. 1:1 ^cActs 9:3, 17; 18:9; 22:14, 18; 23:11; 1 Cor. 15:8 ^d1 Cor. 3:6; 4:5

15 ^aJohn 3:33; 2 Cor. 3:2f.
^bActs 1:25

16 ^aLit., It is not that we have no right to eat and drink, is it?

^a1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Thess. 2:6, 9; 2 Thess. 3:8f.

constraint, but has authority ^bover his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own ^cvirgin daughter, he will do well.

38 So then both he who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage will do better.

39 ^aA wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband ^bis dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only ^cin the Lord.

40 But ^ain my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

NOW concerning ^athings sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have ^bknowledge. Knowledge ^cmakes arrogant, but love ^dedifies.

2 ^aIf any one supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet ^bknown as he ought to know;

3 but if any one loves God, he ^ais known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of ^athings sacrificed to idols, we know that ^bthere is ^cno such thing as an idol in the world, and that ^cthere is no God but one.

5 For even if ^athere are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

6 yet for us ^athere is ^bbut one God, ^bthe Father, ^cfrom whom are all things, and we ^dexist for Him; and ^done Lord, Jesus Christ, ^cthrough whom are all things, and we ^dexist through Him.

7 However not all men ^ahave this knowledge; but ^bsome, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But ^afood will not ^bcommend us to God; we are neither ^cthe worse if we do not eat, nor ^dthe better if we do eat.

9 But ^atake care lest this ^bliberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the ^bweak.

10 For if someone sees you who have ^aknowledge dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat ^bthings sacrificed to idols?

11 For through ^ayour knowledge he who is weak ^bis ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 ^aAnd thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin ^bagainst Christ.

13 Therefore, ^aif food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

CHAPTER 9

AM I not ^afree? Am I not an ^bapostle? Have I not ^cseen Jesus our Lord? Are you not ^dmy work in the Lord?

2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the ^aseal of my ^bapostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this:

4 ^aDo we not have a right to eat and drink?

5 ^{1a}Do we not have a right to take along a ²believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the ^bbrothers of the Lord, and ^cCephas?

6 Or do only ^{1a}Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

7 Who at any time serves ^aas a soldier at his own expense? Who ^bplants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not ¹use the milk of the flock?

8 I am not speaking these things ^aaccording to ¹human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "^aYOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about ^boxen, is He?

10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, ^afor our sake it was written, because ^bthe plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*.

11 ^aIf we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we ^adid not use this right, but we endure all things, ^bthat we may cause no hindrance to the ^cgospel of Christ.

13 ^aDo you not know that those who ^bperform sacred services eat the *food* of the temple, and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

14 So also ^athe Lord directed those who proclaim the ^bgospel to ^cget their living from the gospel.

15 But I have ^aused none of these things. And I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make ^bmy boast an empty one.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for ^aI am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach ^bthe gospel.

17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a ^areward; but if against my will, I have a ^bstewardship entrusted to me.

18 What then is my ^areward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel ^bwithout charge, so as ^cnot to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am ^afree from all *men*, I have made myself ^ba slave to all, that I might ^cwin the more.

20 And ^ato the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under ¹the Law, as under ¹the Law, though ^bnot being myself under ¹the Law, that I might win those who are under ¹the Law;

21 to those who are ^awithout law, ^bas without law, though not being without the law of God but ^cunder the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

22 To the ^aweak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become ^ball things to all men, ^cthat I may by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow-partaker of it.

24 ^aDo you not know that those who run in a race all run,

⁵ ¹Lit., *It is not that we have no right to take along . . . Cephas, is it?* ²Lit., *sister, as wife*
^a1 Cor. 7:7; ^bMatt. 12:46
^cActs 8:14; John 1:42

⁶ ¹Lit., *I and Barnabas*
^aActs 4:36

⁷ ¹Lit., *eat of*
^a2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Tim. 1:18;
2 Tim. 2:3f; ^b1 Cor. 3:6, 8;
Deut. 20:6; Prov. 27:18

⁸ ¹Lit., *man*
^aRom. 3:5

⁹ ^aDeut. 25:4; 1 Tim. 5:18
^b[Deut. 22:14; Prov. 12:10]

¹⁰ ^aRom. 4:23f; ^b2 Tim. 2:6

¹¹ ^aRom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:14

¹² ^a1 Cor. 9:15, 18; Acts 18:3; ^bActs 20:33 ^b2 Cor. 6:3; 11:12; ^c1 Cor. 4:15; 9:14; 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12

¹³ ^aRom. 6:16 ^bLev. 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31ff.; Num. 5:9f.; 18:8-20, 31; Deut. 18:1

¹⁴ ^aMatt. 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18 ^b1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 1:2; ^c1 Cor. 9:4; Luke 10:8

¹⁵ ^a1 Cor. 9:12, 18; Acts 18:3; ^bActs 20:33 ^b2 Cor. 11:10

¹⁶ ^aRom. 1:14; Acts 9:15
^b1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 14, 18, 23; ^c2 Cor. 2:12

¹⁷ ^a1 Cor. 9:18; John 4:36 [Gr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 ^b1 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 2:7; Eph. 3:2 marg.; Phil. 1:16; Col. 1:25 marg.

¹⁸ ^a1 Cor. 9:17; John 4:36 [Gr.]; 1 Cor. 3:8 ^b2 Cor. 11:7; 12:13; Acts 18:3 ^c1 Cor. 7:31; 9:12

¹⁹ ^a1 Cor. 9:1 b2 Cor. 4:5 marg.; Gal. 5:13 ^cMatt. 18:15; 1 Pet. 3:1

²⁰ ^aOr, *law*
^aActs 16:3; 21:23-26; Rom. 11:14 ^bGal. 2:19

²¹ ^aRom. 2:12, 14 ^bGal. 2:3; 3:2 ^cGal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 7:22

²² ^a2 Cor. 11:29; Rom. 14:1; 15:1 ^b1 Cor. 10:33 ^cRom. 11:14

²³ ^a1 Cor. 9:13

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²⁴ bPhil. 3:14; Col. 2:18
cHeb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7; Gal.
2:2

²⁵ a1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:5;
4:7; Eph. 6:12 b2 Tim. 4:8;
James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev.
2:10, 3:11

²⁶ aHeb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7;
Gal. 2:2 b1 Cor. 14:9

²⁷ aLit., bruise
bRom. 8:13

¹aRom. 1:13 bEx. 13:21;
Ps. 105:39 cEx. 14:22, 29; Ps.
66:6

² Some ancient mss.
read, received baptism
^aRom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor.
1:13

³ aEx. 16:4, 35; Deut. 8:3;
Neh. 9:15, 20; Ps. 78:24f.;
John 6:31

⁴ I.e., the Messiah
^aEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps.
78:15

⁵ aNum. 14:29ff., 37;
26:65; Heb. 3:17; Jude 5

⁶ a1 Cor. 10:11 bNum.
11:4, 34; Ps. 106:14

⁷ aEx. 32:4; 1 Cor. 10:14;
5:11 bEx. 32:6 cEx. 32:19

⁸ aLit., acted immorally
^aNum. 25:1ff. bNum. 25:9

⁹ aLit., made trial
^aNum. 21:5f.

¹⁰ aLit., grumbled bLit.,
being destroyed
^aNum. 16:41; 17:5, 10 bNum.
16:49 cEx. 12:23; 2 Sam.
24:16; 1 Chr. 21:15; Heb.
11:28

¹¹ a1 Cor. 10:6 bRom. 4:23
^cRom. 13:11

¹² aRom. 11:20; 2 Pet. 3:17

¹³ a1 Cor. 1:9 b2 Pet. 2:9

¹⁴ aHeb. 6:9 b1 Cor. 10:7;
1 Cor. 10:19ff.; 1 John 5:21

¹⁶ aLit., loaf
^aMatt. 26:27f.; 1 Cor. 11:25
^bMatt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:32f.;
Acts 2:42

¹⁷ aLit., loaf
^aRom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12f.,
27; Eph. 4:4, 16; Col. 3:15

¹⁸ aLit., Israel according to
the flesh
^aRom. 1:3 bLev. 7:6, 14f.;
Deut. 12:17f.

¹⁹ a1 Cor. 8:4

but only one receives ^bthe prize? ^cRun in such a way that you may win.

25 And everyone who ^acompetes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable ^bwreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I ^arun in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not ^bbeating the air;

27 but I ¹buffet ^amy body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

CHAPTER 10

FOR ^aI do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all ^bunder the cloud, and all ^cpassed through the sea;

2 and all ¹were ^abaptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 and all ^aate the same spiritual food;

4 and all ^adrank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was ¹Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well pleased; for ^athey were laid low in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as ^aexamples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as ^bthey also craved.

7 And do not be ^aidolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “^bTHE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO ^cPLAY.”

8 Nor let us act immorally, as ^asome of them ¹did, and ^btwenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Nor let us try the Lord, as ^asome of them ¹did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 Nor grumble, ^aas some of them ¹did, and ^bwere ²destroyed by the ^cdestroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an ^aexample, and ^bthey were written for our instruction, upon whom ^cthe ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who ^athinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and ^aGod is faithful, who will not allow you to be ^btempted beyond what you are able; but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

14 Therefore, my ^abeloved, flee from ^bidolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

16 Is not the ^acup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the ^{1b}bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one ¹bread, we ^awho are many are one body; for we all partake of the one ¹bread.

18 Look at ¹the nation ^aIsrael; are not those who beat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or ^athat an idol is anything?

20 No; but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

21 ^aYou cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and ^bthe table of demons.

22 Or do we ^aprovoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not ^bstronger than He, are we?

23 ^aAll things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things ^bedify.

24 Let no one ^aseek his own good, but that of his ^bneighbor.

25 ^aEat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake;

26 ^aFOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN IT.

27 If ^aone of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, ^beat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake.

28 But ^aif anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other man's; for ^awhy is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, ^awhy am I slandered concerning that for which I ^bgive thanks?

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or ^awhatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 ^aGive no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to ^bthe church of God;

33 just as I also ^aplease all men in all things, ^bnot seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, ^cthat they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

BE imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 Now ^aI praise you because you ^bremember me in everything, and ^chold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to understand that ¹Christ is the ^ahead of every man, and ^bthe man is the head of a woman, and God is the ^chead of ¹Christ.

4 Every man who has *something* on his head while praying or ^aprophesying, disgraces his head.

5 But every ^awoman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her ¹whose head is ^bshaved.

6 For if a woman does not cover ¹her head, let her also ²have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to ²have her hair cut off or ¹her head shaved, let her cover ¹her head.

7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the ^aimage and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

20 ^aDeut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37; Rev. 9:20; Gal. 4:8

21 ^a2 Cor. 6:16 ^bIs. 65:11

22 ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bEccl. 6:10; Is. 45:9

23 ^a1 Cor. 6:12 ^bRom. 14:19

24 ^aOr, *the other*
^a1 Cor. 10:33; 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2

25 ^aActs 10:15; 1 Cor. 8:7

26 ^aPs. 24:1; Ps. 50:12; 1 Tim. 4:4

27 ^a1 Cor. 5:10 ^bLuke 10:8

28 ^a1 Cor. 8:7, 10-12

29 ^a1 Cor. 9:19; Rom. 14:16

30 ^a1 Cor. 9:1 ^bRom. 14:6

31 ^aCol. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11

32 ^a1 Cor. 8:13; Acts 24:16
^aActs 20:28 marg.; ^b1 Cor. 1:2; 11:22; 15:9; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:5; 15; 1 Cor. 7:17; Phil. 3:6

33 ^a1 Cor. 9:22; Rom. 15:2; Gal. 1:10 ^b1 Cor. 13:5; Phil. 2:21; 2 Cor. 12:14; Rom. 15:2
^a1 Thess. 2:16; Rom. 11:14

1 ^a1 Cor. 4:16

2 ^a1 Cor. 11:17, 22 ^b1 Cor. 4:17; 15:2; 1 Thess. 1:6; 3:6
^a2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6

3 ^aI.e., the Messiah
^aEph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:19 ^bEph. 5:23; Gen. 3:16 ^c1 Cor. 3:23

4 ^aActs 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:20

5 ^aLit., *who is shaved*
^aLuke 2:36; Acts 21:9; 1 Cor. 14:34 ^bDeut. 21:12

6 ^aLit., *herself* ^bLit., *shear herself*

7 ^aJames 3:9; Gen. 1:26; 5:1; 9:6

^a8 ¹Lit., is not from
Gen. 2:21-23; 1 Tim. 2:13

⁹ ^aGen. 2:18

¹¹ ¹Lit., without

¹² ¹Lit., is ²Lit., are
^a2 Cor. 5:18 ^bRom. 11:36

¹³ ¹Lit., in
^aLuke 12:57

¹⁶ ¹Lit., such
^a1 Cor. 9:1-3, 6; 4:5 ^b1 Cor.
7:17

¹⁷ ^a1 Cor. 11:2, 22

¹⁸ ¹Lit., in church ²Lit.,
schisms
^a1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3

¹⁹ ¹Or, manifest
^aMatt. 18:7; Luke 17:1;
1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Pet. 2:1 ^b1 John
2:19; Deut. 13:3

²¹ ^aJude 12

²² ^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^bJames 2:6
^c1 Cor. 11:2, 17

²³ ^a1 Cor. 15:3; Gal. 1:12;
Col. 3:24 ^b1 Cor. 11:23-25;
Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-
24; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor.
10:16

²⁴ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, is broken

²⁵ ^a1 Cor. 10:16 ^b2 Cor.
3:6; Luke 22:20

²⁶ ^a1 Cor. 4:5; John 21:22

²⁷ ^aHeb. 10:29

²⁸ ^a2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4;
Matt. 26:22

³⁰ ^aActs 7:60

⁸ For ^aman ¹does not originate from woman, but woman from man;

⁹ for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but ^awoman for the man's sake.

¹⁰ Therefore the woman ought to have *a symbol of authority* on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹ However, in the Lord, neither is woman ¹independent of man, nor is man ¹independent of woman.

¹² For as the woman ¹originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and ^aall things ²originate ^bfrom God.

¹³ ^aJudge ¹for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God *with head uncovered*?

¹⁴ Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

¹⁵ but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

¹⁶ But if one is inclined to be contentious, ^awe have no ¹other practice, nor have ^bthe churches of God.

¹⁷ But in giving this instruction, ^aI do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together ¹as a church, I hear that ²divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it.

¹⁹ For there ^amust also be factions among you, ^bin order that those who are approved may have become ¹evident among you.

²⁰ Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

²¹ for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and ^aanother is drunk.

²² What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the ^achurch of God, and ^bshame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall ^aI praise you? In this I will not praise you.

²³ For ^aI received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that ^bthe Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which ¹is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way ^athe cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the ^bnew covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^auntil He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be ^aguilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man ^aexamine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number ^aasleep.

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are ^adisciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with ^bthe world.

33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 If anyone is ^ahungry, let him eat ^bat home, so that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining matters I shall ^carrange ^dwhen I come.

CHAPTER 12

NOW concerning ^aspiritual gifts, brethren, ^bI do not want you to be unaware.

2 ^aYou know that when you were pagans, you were ^bled astray to the ^cdumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking ¹by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is ²accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is ³Lord," except ¹by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are ^avarieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same ^aGod who works all things in all ^bpersons.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit ^afor the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of ^awisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of ^bknowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another ^afaith ^bby the same Spirit, and to another ^bgifts of ²healing ¹by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the ¹effecting of ²a miracles, and to another ^bprophecy, and to another the ³distinguishing of spirits, to another ^avarious ^bkinds of tongues, and to another the ^cinterpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, ^adistributing to each one individually just as He wills.

12 For even ^aas the body is one and ^byet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, ^bso also is Christ.

13 For ¹by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether ^bJews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to ^cdrink of one Spirit.

14 For ^athe body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not ^apart of the body," it is not for this reason ¹any the less ^apart of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not ^apart of the body," it is not for this reason ¹any the less ^apart of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has ^aplaced the members, each one of them, in the body, ^bjust as He desired.

32 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; Ps. 94:12; Heb. 12:7-10; Rev. 3:19
^b1 Cor. 1:20

34 ^a1 Cor. 11:21 ^b1 Cor. 11:22 ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 16:1; 4:17
^d1 Cor. 4:19

1 ^a1 Cor. 14:1; 12:4 ^bRom. 1:13

2 ^aEph. 2:11f.; 1 Pet. 4:3;
1 Cor. 6:11 ^b1 Thess. 1:9
^cHeb. 2:18f.; Ps. 11:5; Is. 46:7; Jer. 10:5

3 ^aOr, in ^bGr. anathema
^a1 John 4:2f.; Matt. 22:43;
Rev. 1:10, ^bRom. 9:3 ^cJohn 13:13; Rom. 10:9

4 ^aRom. 12:6f.; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:4ff.; 11; Heb. 2:4

6 ^a1 Cor. 15:28; Eph. 1:23;
4:6

7 ^aEph. 4:12; 1 Cor. 12:12-
30; 14:26

8 ^a1 Cor. 2:6; 2 Cor. 1:12
^bRom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 2:11, 16;
2 Cor. 2:14; 4:6; 8:7; 11:6

9 ^aOr, in ^bLit., healings
^a1 Cor. 13:2; 2 Cor. 4:13
^b1 Cor. 12:28, 30

10 ^aLit., effects ^bOr, works
of power ^cLit.,
distinguishing
^a1 Cor. 12:28f.; Gal. 3:5
^b1 Cor. 11:4; 13:2, 8 ^c1 Cor.
14:29; 1 John 4:1 ^d1 Cor.
12:28, 30; 13:1; 14:2ff.; Mark
16:17 ^e1 Cor. 12:30; 14:26

11 ^a1 Cor. 12:4 and ref.

12 ^aRom. 12:4; 1 Cor. 10:17
^b1 Cor. 12:27

13 ^aOr, in
^aEph. 2:18 ^bGal. 3:28; Col.
3:11; Eph. 2:13-18; Rom.
3:22 ^cJohn 7:37-39

14 ^a1 Cor. 12:20

15 ^aLit., not a part

16 ^aLit., not a part

18 ^a1 Cor. 12:28 ^b1 Cor.
12:11; Rom. 12:6

1 Corinthians 12, 13

20 ^a1 Cor. 12:14; 12:12

22 ¹Lit., to a much greater degree the members

23 ¹Or, think to be ²Or, these we clothe with

25 ¹Lit., schism

26 ¹Lit., glorified

27 ^a1 Cor. 12:12; 1:2; Eph. 1:23; 4:12; Col. 1:18, 24; 2:19
^bEph. 5:30; Rom. 12:5

28 ¹Lit., set some in ²Or, works of power
^a1 Cor. 12:18 ^b1 Cor. 10:32
^cEph. 4:11 ^dEph. 2:20; 3:5; Acts 13:1 ^eActs 13:1 ^f1 Cor. 12:10, 29 ^g1 Cor. 12:9, 10
^bRom. 12:8 ⁱ1 Cor. 12:10

29 ¹Or, works of power

30 ^a1 Cor. 12:10

31 ^a1 Cor. 14:1, 39

1 ^a1 Cor. 12:10 ^b2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 14:2 ^cPs. 150:5 Sept.

2 ^aActs 13:1; 1 Cor. 11:4; 13:8; 14:1, 39; Matt. 7:22
^b1 Cor. 14:2; 15:51 ^cRom. 15:14 ^d1 Cor. 12:9 ^eMatt. 17:20; 21:21

3 ¹Some ancient mss. read, that I may boast
^aMatt. 6:2 ^bDan. 3:28

4 ^aProv. 10:12; 17:9;
1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Pet. 4:8
^bActs 7:9 ^c1 Cor. 4:6

5 ^a1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:21
^b2 Cor. 5:19

6 ^a2 Thess. 2:12 ^b2 John 4;
3 John 3f.

7 ¹Or, covers
^a1 Cor. 9:12

8 ¹Lit., prophecies
^a1 Cor. 13:2 ^b1 Cor. 13:1

9 ^a1 Cor. 13:12; 8:2

19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now ^athere are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, ⁱt is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

23 and those *members* of the body, which we ¹deem less honorable, ²on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly *members* come to have more abundant seemliness,

24 whereas our seemly *members* have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

25 that there should be no ¹division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is ¹honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are ^aChrist's body, and ^bindividually members of it.

28 And God has ¹aappointed in ^bthe church, first ^capostles, second ^dprophets, third ^eteachers, then ^fmiracles, then ^ggifts of healings, helps, ^hadministrations, various ⁱkinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* ¹miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not ^ainterpret, do they?

31 But ^aearnestly desire the greater gifts.

And I show you a still more excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

IF I speak with the ^atongues of men and of ^bangels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a ^cclanging cymbal.

2 And if I have ^athe gift of ^bprophecy, and know all ^cmysteries and all ^cknowledge; and if I have ^dall faith, so as to ^eremove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I ^agive all my possessions to feed ^bthe poor, and if I ^bdeliver my body ^cto be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love ^ais patient, love is kind, *and* ^bis not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not ^carrogant,

5 does not act unbecomingly; it ^adoes not seek its own, is not provoked, ^bdoes not take into account a wrong ^csuffered,

6 ^adoes not rejoice in unrighteousness, but ^brejoices with the truth;

7 ^abears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails; but if *there are* gifts of ¹a prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* ^btongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.

9 For we ^aknow in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as

a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we ^asee in a mirror ¹dimly, but then ^bface to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the ¹greatest of these is ^alove.

CHAPTER 14

PURSUE love, yet ^bdesire earnestly ^cspiritual gifts, but especially that you may ^dprophesy.

2 For one who ^aspeaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one ¹understands, but ²in his spirit he speaks ^bmysteries.

3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for ^aedification and ^bexhortation and consolation.

4 One who ^aspeaks in a tongue ^bedifies himself; but one who ^cprophesies ^bedifies the church.

5 Now I wish that you all ^aspoke in tongues, but ^beven more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who ^aspeaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive ^cedifying.

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of ^arevelation or of ^bknowledge or of ^cprophecy or of ^dteaching?

7 Yet even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

8 For if ^athe ¹bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be ^aspeaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of ¹languages in the world, and no ^akind is without meaning.

11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be to the one who speaks a ¹barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a ¹barbarian ²to me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of ¹spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the ^aedification of the church.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 ^aWhat is the outcome then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also; I shall ^bsing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless ¹in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ²ungifted say ^athe "Amen" at your ^bgiving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not ^aedified.

12 ¹Lit. *in a riddle*
^a2 Cor. 5:7; Phil. 3:12; James 1:23
^bGen. 32:30; Num. 12:8;
^c1 John 3:2 ^c1 Cor. 8:3

13 ¹Lit. *greater*
^aGal. 5:6

14 ¹Cor. 16:14 ^b1 Cor. 12:31; 14:39 ^c1 Cor. 12:1
^d1 Cor. 13:2

15 ¹Lit. *hears* ²Or, *by the Spirit*
^a1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff.; Mark 16:17 ^b1 Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 ^c1 Cor. 13:2

16 ¹Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 ^aActs 4:36

17 ¹Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 ^bNum. 11:29 ^c1 Cor. 14:4, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19 ^c1 Cor. 13:2

18 ¹Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff., 26f.; Mark 16:17 ^bNum. 11:29 ^c1 Cor. 14:4, 12, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

19 ¹Cor. 14:26; Eph. 1:17
^b1 Cor. 12:8 ^c1 Cor. 13:2
^d1 Cor. 14:26; Acts 2:42; Rom. 6:17

20 ¹Lit. *trumpet*
^aNum. 10:9; Jer. 4:19; Ezek. 33:3-6; Joel 2:1

21 ¹Cor. 9:26

22 ¹Lit. *voices*

23 ¹Or, *foreigner* ²Or, *in my estimation*
^aActs 2:28

24 ¹Lit. *spirits*
^a1 Cor. 14:4, 5, 17, 26; Rom. 14:19

25 ¹Cor. 14:26; Acts 21:22
^bEph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

26 ¹Or, *with the* ²I.e., unversed in spiritual gifts
^aDeut. 27:15-26; 1 Chr. 11:15
^bPs. 106:48; Neh. 5:13; 8:6; Jer. 11:5; 28:6; Rev. 5:14; 7:12 ^cMatt. 15:36

27 ¹Cor. 14:4, 5, 12, 26; Rom. 14:19

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²⁰^aRom. 1:13 ^bEph. 4:14;
Heb. 5:12f; ^cPs. 131:2; Rom.
16:19; 1 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 18:3

²¹^aJohn 10:34; 1 Cor.
14:34^b1s. 28:11f.

²²^a1 Cor. 14:1

²³^aNote 2, vs. 16
^bActs 2:13

²⁴^aNote 2, vs. 16
^b1 Cor. 14:1 ^bJohn 16:8

²⁵^aJohn 4:19 ^bLuke 17:16
^cIs. 45:14; Zech. 8:23; Dan.
2:47; Acts 4:13

²⁶^a1 Cor. 14:15 ^bRom.
1:13 ^c1 Cor. 12:8-10 ^dEph.
5:19 ^e1 Cor. 14:6 ^f1 Cor. 14:2
^g1 Cor. 14:5, 13, 27f; 12:10
^hRom. 14:19

²⁷^a1 Cor. 14:2 ^b1 Cor. 14:5,
13, 26ff.; 12:10

²⁹^a1 Cor. 14:32, 37; 13:2
^b1 Cor. 12:10

³³^aOr, peace. As in
all . . . saints, let . . .
^b1 Cor. 14:40 ^b1 Cor. 4:17;
7:17 ^cActs 9:13

³⁴^a1 Cor. 11:5, 13 ^b1 Tim.
2:11f.; 1 Pet. 3:1 ^c1 Cor.
14:21

³⁵^aOr, disgraceful

³⁶^aLit., Or was

³⁷^a2 Cor. 10:7 ^b1 Cor. 2:15
^c1 Cor. 7:40; 1 John 4:6

³⁸^aSome ancient mss.
read, is ignorant, let him be
ignorant

³⁹^a1 Cor. 12:31 ^b1 Cor.
14:1; 13:2

⁴⁰^a1 Cor. 14:33

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18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 ^aBrethren, ^bdo not be children in your thinking; yet in evil ^cbe babes, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In ^athe Law it is written, “^bBY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,” says the Lord.

22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but ^aprophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

23 If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and ¹ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that ^ayou are mad?

24 But if all ^aprophesy, and an unbeliever or an ¹ungifted man enters, he is ^bconvicted by all, he is called to account by all;

25 ^athe secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will ^bfall on his face and worship God, ^cdeclaring that God is certainly among you.

26 ^aWhat is the outcome then, ^bbrethren? When you assemble, ^ceach one has a ^dpsalm, has a ^eteaching, has a ^frevelation, has a ^gtongue, has an ^ginterpretation. Let ^hall things be done for edification.

27 If any one speaks in a ^atongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and ^each in turn, and let one ^binterpret;

28 but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 And let two or three ^aprophets speak, and let the others ^bpass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, let the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

33 for God is not a God of ^aconfusion but of ¹peace, as in ^ball the churches of the ^csaints.

34 Let the women ^akeep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but ^blet them subject themselves, just as ^cthe Law also says.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is ¹improper for a woman to speak in church.

36 ^aWas it from you that the word of God *first* went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 ^aIf any one thinks he is a ^aprophet or ^bspiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you ^care the Lord's commandment.

38 But if any one ¹does not recognize *this*, he is not recognized.

39 Therefore, my brethren, ^adesire earnestly to ^bprophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

40 But ^alet all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

CHAPTER 15

NOW I make known to you, brethren, the ^bgospel which I preached to you, which also you received, ^cin which also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, ^aif you hold fast ¹the word which I preached to you, ^bunless you believed in vain.

3 For ^aI delivered to you ¹as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died ^bfor our sins ^caccording to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He was ^araised on the third day ^baccording to the Scriptures,

5 and that ^aHe appeared to ^bCephas, then ^cto the twelve.

6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some ^ahave fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to ¹James, then to ^ball the apostles;

8 and last of all, as it were ¹to one untimely born, ^aHe appeared to me also.

9 For I am ^athe least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I ^bpersecuted the church of God.

10 But by ^athe grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I ^blabored even more than all of them, yet ^cnot I, but the grace of God with me.

11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there ^ais no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

14 and ^aif Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

15 Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we witnessed ¹against God that He ^araised ²Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; ^ayou are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who ^ahave fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are ^aof all men most to be pitied.

20 But now Christ ^ahas been raised from the dead, the ^bfirst fruits of those who ^care asleep.

21 For since ^aby a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

22 For ^aas in Adam all die, so also in ¹Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ ^athe first fruits, after that ^bthose who are Christ's at ^cHis coming,

24 then *comes* the end, when He delivers up ^athe kingdom to the ^bGod and Father, when He has abolished ^call rule and all authority and power.

1 ^aGal. 1:11; Rom. 2:16
b1 Cor. 3:6; 4:15; Rom. 2:16
cRom. 5:2; 11:20; 2 Cor. 1:24

2 ¹Lit., to what word ¹
^aRom. 11:22 ^bGal. 3:4

3 ¹Lit., among the first
^a1 Cor. 11:23 ^bJohn 1:29;
Gal. 1:4; Heb. 5:1, 3; 1 Pet.
2:24 ^cIs. 53:5-12; Matt. 26:24;
Luke 24:25-27; Acts 8:32f.;
17:2f.; 26:22

4 ^aMatt. 16:21; John
2:21f.; Acts 2:24 ^bPs. 16:8ff.;
Acts 2:31; 26:22f.

5 ^aLuke 24:34 ^b1 Cor. 1:12
^cMark 16:14

6 ^aActs 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:18,
20

7 ¹Lit., Jacob ^aActs 12:17
^bLuke 24:33, 36f.; Acts 1:3f.

8 ¹Lit., to an untimely
birth
^a1 Cor. 9:1; Acts 9:3-8; 22:6-
11; 26:12-18

9 ^aEph. 3:8; 2 Cor. 12:11;
1 Tim. 1:15 ^bActs 8:3

10 ^aRom. 12:3 ^b2 Cor.
11:23; Col. 1:29; 1 Tim. 4:10
^c1 Cor. 3:6; 2 Cor. 3:5; Phil.
2:13

12 ^aActs 17:32; 23:8; 2 Tim.
2:18

14 ^a1 Thess. 4:14

15 ¹Or, concerning ²i.e.,
the Messiah
^aActs 2:24

17 ^aRom. 4:25

18 ^a1 Thess. 4:16; Rev.
14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

19 ^a1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12

20 ^a1 Pet. 1:3; Acts 2:24
^b1 Cor. 15:23; Acts 26:23;
Rev. 1:5 ^c1 Thess. 4:16; Rev.
14:13; 1 Cor. 15:6

21 ^aRom. 5:12

22 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aRom. 5:14-18

23 ^a1 Cor. 15:20; Acts
26:23; Rev. 1:5 ^b1 Cor. 15:52;
6:14; 1 Thess. 4:16 ^c1 Thess.
2:19

24 ^aDan. 2:44; 7:14, 27;
2 Pet. 1:11 ^bEph. 5:20 ^cRom.
8:38

25 ^aPs. 110:1; Matt. 22:44

26 ^a2 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 20:14;
21:4

27 ^aPs. 8:7 ^bEph. 1:22; Heb.
2:8; Matt. 11:27; 28:18

28 ^aPhil. 3:21 ^b1 Cor. 12:6;
3:23

30 ^a2 Cor. 11:26

31 ^aRom. 8:36

32 ^aLit., according to man
^bCor. 1:8^c1 Cor. 16:8f;
Acts 18:19; ^d2 Cor. 22:13; 56:12;
Luke 12:19

33 ^a1 Cor. 6:9

34 ^aLit., righteously
^bRom. 13:11 ^cMatt. 22:29;
Acts 26:8 ^d1 Cor. 6:5

35 ^aRom. 9:19 ^bEzek. 37:3

36 ^aLuke 11:40 ^bJohn 12:24

37 ^aLit., some of the rest

38 ^aGen. 1:11

42 ^aLit., in corruption ^bLit.,
in incorruption
^aDan. 12:3; Matt. 13:43
^b1 Cor. 15:50; Rom. 8:21;
Gal. 6:8 ^cRom. 2:7

43 ^aPhil. 3:21; Col. 3:4

44 ^a1 Cor. 2:14 ^b1 Cor.
15:50

45 ^aGen. 2:7 ^bRom. 5:14
^cJohn 5:21; 6:57f.; Rom. 8:2

47 ^aLit., made of dust
^aJohn 3:31 ^bGen. 2:7; 3:19

48 ^aPhil. 3:20f.

25 For He must reign ^auntil He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be ^aabolished is death.

27 For ^aHE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "^bAll things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 And when ^aall things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the one who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

30 Why are we also ^ain danger every hour?

31 I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, ^aI die daily.

32 If ^afrom human motives I ^afought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, ^cLET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

33 ^aDo not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

34 ^aBecome sober-minded ¹as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have ^bno knowledge of God. ^cI speak *this* to your shame.

35 But ^asome one will say, "How are ^bthe dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

36 ^aYou fool! That which you ^bsow does not come to life unless it dies;

37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of ¹something else.

38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and ^ato each of the seeds a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is *one flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the *glory* of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 ^aSo also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown ¹^ba perishable body, it is raised ²^can imperishable body;

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in ^aglory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 it is sown a ^anatural body, it is raised a ^bspiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

45 So also it is written, "The first ^aMAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The ^blast Adam *became* a ^clife-giving spirit.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

47 The first man is ^afrom the earth, ¹^bearthy; the second man is from heaven.

48 As is the earthly, so also are those who are earthly; and as is the heavenly, ^aso also are those who are heavenly.

49 And just as we have ^aborne the image of the earthly, ¹we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now I say this, brethren, that ^aflesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does ¹the perishable inherit ²the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a ^amystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be ^bchanged,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for ^athe trumpet will sound, and ^bthe dead will be raised ¹imperishable, and ^cwe shall be changed.

53 For this ¹perishable must put on ²^athe imperishable, and this ^bmortal must put on immortality.

54 But when this ¹perishable will have put on ¹the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "^aDEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

55 "^aO DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of ^adeath is sin, and ^bthe power of sin is the law;

57 but ^athanks be to God, who gives us the ^bvictory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ^aTherefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in ^bthe work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

NOW concerning ^athe collection for ^bthe saints, as ^cI directed the churches of ^dGalatia, so do you also.

2 On ^athe first day of every week let each one of you ¹put aside and save, as he may prosper, that ^bno collections be made when I come.

3 And when I arrive, ^awhomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

5 But I ^ashall come to you after I go through ^bMacedonia, for I ^cam going through Macedonia;

6 and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may ^asend me on my way wherever I may go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now ^ajust in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, ^bif the Lord permits.

8 But I shall remain in ^aEphesus until ^bPentecost;

9 for a ^awide door ¹for effective service has opened to me, and ^bthere are many adversaries.

10 Now if ^aTimothy comes, see that he is with you without ¹cause to be afraid; for he is doing ^bthe Lord's work, as I also am.

11 ^aLet no one therefore despise him. But ^bsend him on his way ^cin peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

12 But concerning ^aApollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

⁴⁹ ¹Some ancient mss.
read, *let us also*
^aGen. 5:3 ^bRom. 8:29

⁵⁰ ¹Lit., *corruption* ²Lit.,
incorruption
^aMatt. 16:17; John 3:5f.
^b1 Cor. 6:9 ^cRom. 2:7

⁵¹ ^a1 Cor. 13:2 ^b2 Cor. 5:2,
4

⁵² ¹Lit., *in corruptible*
^aMatt. 24:31 ^bJohn 5:28
^c1 Thess. 4:15, 17

⁵³ ¹Lit., *corruptible* ²Lit.,
incorruption
^aRom. 2:7 ^b2 Cor. 5:4

⁵⁴ ¹Note v. 53
^aIs. 25:8

⁵⁵ ^aHos. 13:14

⁵⁶ ^aRom. 5:12 ^bRom. 3:20;
4:15; 7:8

⁵⁷ ^a2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 7:25
mag. ^bRom. 8:37; Heb.
2:14f.; 1 John 5:4; Rev. 21:4

⁵⁸ ^a2 Pet. 3:14 ^b1 Cor.
16:10

¹ ^aActs 24:17 ^bActs 9:13
^c1 Cor. 4:17 ^dActs 16:6

² ¹Lit., *put by himself*
^aActs 20:7 ^b2 Cor. 9:4f.

³ ^a2 Cor. 8:18f.; 3:1

⁵ ^a1 Cor. 4:19 ^bRom.
15:26 ^cActs 19:21

⁶ ^a1 Cor. 16:11; Acts 15:3

⁷ ^a2 Cor. 1:15f. ^bActs
18:21

⁸ ^aActs 18:19 ^bActs 2:1

⁹ ¹Lit., *and*
^aActs 14:27 ^bActs 19:9

¹⁰ ¹Lit., *fear for*
^aActs 16:1; 1 Cor. 4:17;
2 Cor. 1:1 ^b1 Cor. 15:58

¹¹ ^a1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:15
^b1 Cor. 16:6; Acts 15:3 ^cActs
15:33

¹² ^aActs 18:24 [1 Cor. 1:12;
3:5f.]

¹³ ^aMatt. 24:42 ^bGal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 15:1; ^c1 Sam. 4:9; 2 Sam. 10:12; 46:8 ^dProv. 31:24; Eph. 6:10; 3:16; Col. 1:11

¹⁴ ^a1 Cor. 14:1

¹⁵ ¹Lit., it was

^a1 Cor. 1:16 ^bRom. 16:5 ^cActs 18:12 ^dRom. 15:31 ^e1 Cor. 16:1

¹⁶ ^a1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:17

¹⁷ ¹Or, presence ²Or, made up for your absence
^a2 Cor. 7:6f; ^bPhil. 2:30; ^c2 Cor. 11:9

¹⁸ ^a2 Cor. 7:13; Philem. 7, 20 ^bPhil. 2:29; 1 Thess. 5:12

¹⁹ ^aActs 16:6 ^bActs 18:2 ^cRom. 16:5

²⁰ ^aRom. 16:16

²¹ ¹Lit., Paul's

^aCol. 4:18; 2 Thess. 3:17; Rom. 16:22; Gal. 6:11; Philem. 19

²² ¹Gr., anathema ²I.e., O [our] Lord come!
^aRom. 9:3 ^bRev. 22:20; Phil. 4:5

²³ ^aRom. 16:20

¹ ¹I.e., true believers; lit.,
holiness

^aEph. 1:1; Col. 1:1; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:1; Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:1 ^bGal. 3:26 ^c1 Cor. 1:1 ^d2 Cor. 1:19; 1 Cor. 16:10; Acts 1:6 ^e1 Cor. 10:32 ^fActs 18:1 ^gActs 18:12

² ^aRom. 1:7

³ ^aEph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3 ^bRom. 15:5

⁴ ^a2 Cor. 7:6, 7, 13; Is. 51:12; 66:13

⁵ ¹Lit., to us
^a2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24

⁶ ^a2 Tim. 2:10; 2 Cor. 4:15; 12:15; Eph. 3:1, 13

⁷ ^aRom. 8:17

⁸ ¹I.e., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aRom. 1:13 ^bActs 19:23; 1 Cor. 15:32 ^cActs 16:6

¹³ ^aBe on the alert, ^bstand firm in the faith, ^cact like men, ^dbe strong.

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done ^ain love.

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the ^ahousehold of Stephanas, that ^bthey were the ^bfirstfruits of ^cAchaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ^dministry to ^ethe saints),

¹⁶ that ^ayou also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

¹⁷ And I rejoice over the ^acoming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they have ^bsupplied ^bwhat was lacking on your part.

¹⁸ For they ^ahave refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore ^backnowledge such men.

¹⁹ The churches of ^aAsia greet you. ^bAquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with ^cthe church that is in their house.

²⁰ All the brethren greet you. ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ The greeting is in ^amy own hand—¹Paul.

²² If any one does not love the Lord, let him be ^aaccursed. ^bMaranatha.

²³ ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Salutation. The Divine Comfort.

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^cby the will of God, and ^dTimothy our brother, to ^ethe church of God which is at ^fCorinth with all the ^lsaints who are throughout ^gAchaia:

² ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and ^bGod of all comfort;

⁴ who ^acomforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

⁵ For just ^aas the sufferings of Christ are ^bours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is ^afor your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that ^aas you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

⁸ For ^awe do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our ^baffliction which came *to us* in ^cAsia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;