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Paulos's second known letter to the believers in

Korinthos

Introduction

This is Paulos's second letter written to the believers in Korinthos that we have in our Bibles, but could easily have been his third or fourth letter to them. We deduce this from his reference to other letters (e.g., see https://www.GotQuestions.org/how-many-letters-Corinthians.html), but we don't have copies of them.
This letter from Paulos to the believers in Korinthos was written from Makedonia at a time when his relationship with the believers there wasn't very good.
In first part of this letter, Paulos tells about his relationship with the believers there in Korinthos. He explains his sadness concerning the shame of the believers and their disobedience of him. Then he tells again about his happiness that his anger faded after the believers repented of their sin and then their good relationship was restored. He urged the believers to continue to collect a gift of aid for poor believers in Yerushalem.
In the final four chapters, Paulos justifies his missionary status to them. (Those that accused Paul said that he's not a true ambassador of Messiah.)

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1:1 This letter is from Paulos, a missionary **of Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) by God's will, and from our brother, Timotheos.

It's written to God's assembly in Korinthos,[1] along with all the believers throughout the province of Akaia.

2 May **God** our father and **master Yeshua Messiah** give you all grace and peace.

Suffering and comfort

3 May the **god** and father of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** be blessed. He is the father of compassion and **God** of all comfort **4** who comforts us through all our trials so that we can comfort others through all their trials with the same comfort that **God** comforts us with. **5** In the same way that Messiah's many sufferings are expected of us, so too the **Messiah's** plentiful comfort also reaches us. **6** If we're being oppressed, it's for your comfort and salvation, and if we're being comforted, it's for your comfort which enables you all to endure the same sufferings that we're suffering. **7** We have confident expectations for you all because we know that you are partners in suffering, and hence also in comfort.

8 Brothers and sisters, we don't want you to miss out on knowing about our difficulties in the province of Asia Minor. We were weighed down with a situation totally beyond our power, so much so that we thought we wouldn't live through it.[2] **9** We were resigned in ourselves to the death sentence so that we wouldn't trust in ourselves but in **God** who brings the dead back to life— **10** the one who rescued us from that death and will rescue us again. He's the one we put our hope in that he will continue to rescue us **11** as you also cooperated with us through your requests to him. Through this, many people will give thanks on our behalf for the gift that was granted to us in answer to the prayers of many.

The changes to Paulos's plans

12 So this is our boast: Our consciences testify that we have conducted ourselves in the world (and even more so towards all of you) with purity and godly sincerity, not with worldly wisdom, but relying on **God's** grace. **13** We're not writing other ideas to you other than what you're all reading. You're also understanding it and I'm hoping that you'll be able to understand it all the way through to the end **14** as you initially partially understood us. Then on the day when **Master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) returns, you'll be able to boast about us just as we do about all of you.

15 Because of my confidence in that, I had wanted to visit you all so that you'd have a second taste of grace, **16** and to continue on to Makedonia and to stay again on the way back, and then to have you all help send me on my way to Yehudah (Judea).[3] **17** Was I just being light-headed when I hoped for that? Or what was I thinking? Was I just thinking in worldly ways where yes, I might, and at the same time, no, I might not? **18** But our message to you all hasn't been both 'yes' and

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1:1 Paulos, an_ambassador of_**chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** by the_will of_**god**, and Timotheos the brother, to_the assembly of_ ~~the~~ **_god** ~~which~~ being in Korinthos, with the holy ones all ~~which~~ being in all ~~the~~ Akaia: **2** grace to_you_all and peace, from **god** the_father of_us and the_**master Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**.

3 Blessed is the **god** and father of_the **master** of_us **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, the father of_ ~~the~~ _compassions and **god** of_all comfort, **4** the one comforting us in all the tribulation of_us, in_order that to_be_able us to_be_ _comforting the ones in every tribulation, through the comfort with_which we_are_being_comforted ourselves by ~~the~~ **god**. **5** Because as is_being_plentiful the sufferings of_the **chosen_one/messiah** toward us, thus through the **chosen_ _one/messiah** is_being_plentiful also the comfort of_us. **6** But whether we_are_being_oppressed, because/for the of_ _you_all comfort and salvation it_is, or we_are_being_ _comforted, because/for the of_you_all comfort it_is, ~~which~~ working in the_endurance of_the same sufferings, which also we are_suffering. **7** And the hope of_us confirmed for you_all, having_known that as partners you_all_are of_the sufferings, thus also of_the comfort. **8** For/Because not we_are_wanting you_all to_be_not_knowing, brothers, about the tribulation of_us ~~which~~ having_become in ~~the~~ Asia, that against excess beyond our_power we_were_weighed_down, so_as to_be_ _despairing us even ~~which~~ to_be_living. **9** But ourselves in ourselves the sentence of_ ~~the~~ _death we_have_had, in_order_ _that not having_trusted we_may_be in ourselves, but in ~~the~~ **god**, the one raising the dead, **10** who from so_great a_death rescued us, and will_be_rescuing us, in whom we_have_hoped that also still he_will_be_rescuing us, **11** cooperating_with also you_all for us ~~the~~ in_petition, in_order_that by many people, the toward us gift, through many, may_be_given_ _thanks for us.

12 For/Because the boasting of_us this is: the testimony of_ _the conscience of_us, that in holiness and sincerity of_ ~~the~~ _ _**god**, and not in wisdom fleshly, but in grace of_**god**, we_ _were_conducted in the world, and more_abundantly toward you_all. **13** For/Because no other things we_are_writing to_ _you_all, but than what you_all_are_reading or even you_all_ _are_understanding, and I_am_hoping that to the_end you_ _all_will_be_understanding, **14** as also you_all_understood us in part, that the_boast of_you_all we_are, just_as also you_all are of_us, in the day of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)**. **15** And with_this ~~the~~ confidence I_was_wishing previously, to you_all to_come, in_order_that a_second grace you_all_may_ _have, **16** and by you_all to_pass_through to Makedonia, and back from Makedonia to_come to you_all, and by you_all to_ _be_sent_forward to ~~the~~ Youdaia. **17** Therefore this wishing, surely_not consequently to_ ~~the~~ _lightness I_resorted? Or what I_am_counselling, according_to flesh I_am_counselling, in_order_that may_be with me ~~the~~ Yes, yes, and ~~which~~ No, no? **18** But faithful ~~the~~ **god** is, that the message of_us ~~which~~ to you_ _all, not is Yes and No. **19** The ~~the~~ For/Because of_**god** son, **Yaʸsous chosen_one/messiah**, who among you_all by us having_been_proclaimed, by me, and Silouanos, and

1 **RV 1:1 · Cross-ref.** Acts 18:1.

2 **RV 1:8 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 15:32.

3 **RV 1:16 · Cross-ref.** Acts 19:21.

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Timotheos, not became Yes and No, but Yes in him has_
_become. **20** For/Because as_many_as promises of_**god**, in
him is the Yes. Therefore also through him, the amen, to_ ~~the~~
_god for the_glory by us. **21** And the one confirming us with
you_all to **chosen_one/messiah** and having_anointed us is
god, **22** who also having_sealed us and having_given the
deposit of_the **spirit** in the hearts of_us. **23** But I as_witness
~~the~~ **god** am_calling on ~~the~~ my soul that sparing from_you_all
no_longer I_came to Korinthos. **24** Not that we_are_mastering
of_you_all over_the faith, but fellow-workers we_are of_the
joy with_you_all, because/for in_the faith you_all_have_
_stood.
2:1 I_judged for by_myself this, ~~which~~ not again in sorrow to
you_all to_come. **2** For/Because if I am_sorrowing you_all,
also who is ~~which~~ gladdening me, except ~~not/lest~~ the one
being_sorrowed by me? **3** And I_wrote this same thing, in_
_order_that not having_come, sorrow I_may_have from of_
_whom it_was_fitting me to_be_rejoicing, having_trusted in
all you_all that ~~the~~ my joy of_all of_you is. **4** For/Because out_
_of much tribulation and anguish of_heart, I_wrote to_you_all
through many tears, not in_order_that you_all_may_be_
_sorrowed, but the love in_order_that you_all_may_know that
I_am_having more_abundantly toward you_all.

5 But if anyone has_sorrowed, not me he_has_sorrowed, but
in part, in_order_that not I_may_be_burdening all you_all.
6 Worthy is to_ ~~the~~ _such one ~~the~~ punishment this, which is by
the more, **7** so_that instead rather you_all are to_forgive and
to_comfort him, lest somehow with_the more_abundant
sorrow, may_be_swallowed_up ~~the~~ such one. **8** Therefore I_
_am_exhorting you_all, to_confirm toward him love.
9 For/Because for this also I_wrote, in_order_that I_may_
_know the provenness of_you_all, whether to all things
obedient you_all_are. **10** But to_whomever anything you_all_
_are_forgiving, also_I forgive, because/for also I what have_
_forgiven, if anything I_have_forgiven, because_of you_all it_
_is in the_presence of_**chosen_one/messiah**, **11** in_order_
_that not we_may_be_exploited by ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān),
because/for not of_him the thinking we_are_not_knowing.

12 And having_come to ~~the~~ Trōias for the good_message of_
_the **chosen_one/messiah**, and a_door to_me having_been_
_opened_up in the_**master**, **13** not I_have_had relaxation in_
_the spirit of_me, ~~which~~ not to_find me Titos the brother of_
_me, but having_bid_goodbye to_them, I_came_out to
Makedonia.

14 But ~~the~~ to_**god** thankfulness be, to_the one always
triumphing us in the **chosen_one/messiah**, and the aroma
of_the knowledge of_him, revealing through us in every
place. **15** Because of_**chosen_one/messiah** a_sweet_
_fragrance we_are to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, in the ones being_saved and
in the ones perishing, **16** to_one on_one_hand an_aroma from
death to death, on_the_other_hand to_one an_aroma from
life to life. And for these things who is worthy?
17 For/Because not we_are like the many peddling the
message of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, but as of sincerity, but as of **god**, in_
_front_of **god** in **chosen_one/messiah** we_are_speaking.

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'no', because **God** is faithful. **19** His son **Yeshua Messiah** who
I've preached **about** to you all, as well as hearing it from Silas
and Timotheos,[4] didn't become 'yes' and 'no', but in him it's
become 'yes'. **20** Concerning the many promises made by **God**,
in Messiah they're 'yes', and therefore through him the 'Let it
be so', resulting in honour for God through us. **21** It's **God** who
commissioned us and who confirms you and us to **Messiah**,
22 and God also places his seal on us and places his **spirit** in
our hearts.
23 I call on **God** as a witness for my soul that it was to spare
you all that I didn't come to Korinthos. **24** Not that we are in
any way the masters of your faith, but rather we are fel-
low-workers sharing in your happiness because you all stand
in the faith.
2:1 So I made the decision myself not to make a sad visit to
you, **2** because if I'm making you all upset, who would be left
to cheer me up except for the people that I would've just up-
set? **3** So I wrote this same thing, so that when I came, I
wouldn't get your upsets when I should be being happy, hav-
ing trusted in you all that my happiness is in you. **4** I wrote to
you much difficulty and anguish in my heart and through
many tears, not wanted to make you all upset, but rather so
that you'd know how much love toward you all is much
greater than all that.

Forgiveness for the offender

5 If someone has caused grief, he
hasn't upset me, well not much, because
I don't want to be burdening you all. **6** The punishment im-
posed on him by most of you is appropriate, **7** so now you
should forgive and comfort him in case excess pain should
drive him out. **8** That's why I'm urging all of you to reaffirm
him now with your love. **9** Another reason that I wrote to you
was to find out if you would stand strong and be obedient in
everything. **10** But **anyone** that you forgive for anything, I also
forgive, because what I've also forgiven (if I have forgiven any-
thing), it was for you all in the presence **of Messiah** **11** so that
we can't be exploited by Satan (because we're not ignorant
about his intentions).

Paulos's brief ministry in Troias

12 When I went to Troias to preach the
good message of the **messiah** and an
opportunity presented itself to me in **the** messiah, **13** my spirit
couldn't relax because I found out that my brother Titos
wasn't there, so I said my goodbyes to them and continued on
to Makedonia.[5]

Victory through Messiah

14 But we're thankful **to God** who dis-
plays us as victors in the **messiah**, and
reveals the aroma of the knowledge of **the messiah**, through
us in every place. **15** Because **of Messiah**, we who are being
saved are a sweet fragrance **to God**, and also the ones perish-
ing. **16** On one hand we're an aroma of death to those choosing
death, and on the other hand, an aroma of life to those choos-
ing life. Wow, who's worthy enough for that? **17** We're not like
the many others who are peddling God's message to make a
profit, but we speak in front of God in sincerity. As followers of

4 RV 1:19 · Cross-ref. Acts 18:5.

5 RV 2:12-13 · Cross-ref. Acts 20:1.

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God, we speak **about Messiah**.

Following the new agreement by the spirit

3:1 Oh, are we beginning to pat ourselves on the back again? Don't we need written references for you all, or from you all, like some others do? **2** It's all of you who are our references, and having been written in our hearts, it's known about and being read by all people. **3** It shows that you who were served by us, are now **Messiah's** letter that wasn't written with ink but **with God's** living **spirit**—not written on stone tablets[6] but on people's hearts.[7]

4 We have such confidence towards **God** through the **messiah**, **5** not that we ourselves are worthy to consider ourselves anything special, but our qualifications come from **God**. **6** He qualified us as servants of a new agreement[8]—not following it by the letter, but by **the spirit**, because following by the letter leads to death whereas following by the **spirit** gives life.

7 The system which was inscribed on stone tablets and which results in death was so incredible when it was given that the Israelis couldn't even bring themselves to look at Mosheh's (Moses') face because it shone so brightly.[9] But if that system is being nullified, **8** won't this system via the **spirit** be even greater? **9** If the system that brought condemnation was incredible, how much greater is the system that leads to righteousness, **10** because that earlier system seems ordinary now when compared with the more incredible greatness of the new system, **11** and if what ended up being replaced was incredible, how much more incredible is the system that lasts.

12 So then, since that's our expectation, we can be very bold, **13** not just like Mosheh putting a veil over his face[10] because the Israelis couldn't even look at him when introducing a system that would be replaced. **14** But their thinking was inflexible because even until this very day, the same veil remains during the public reading of the Hebrew scriptures—it's not opened up because it's only **Messiah** that nullifies it. **15** So these days whenever Mosheh's writings are being read, a veil lies across their hearts, **16** but whenever that heart might turn towards **Yahweh**, the veil will be removed.[11] **17** Now **Yahweh** is the **spirit**, and there's freedom wherever **Yahweh's spirit is**. **18** All **of** us who've had our faces unveiled are reflecting **Yahweh's** greatness, and that same image transforms us from greatness to greatness. This comes from **Yahweh** who is **the spirit**.

The treasure placed in human containers

4:1 So because we have this ministry as a result of God's mercy, we're not discouraged **2** but rather, we have renounced any shameful things that were hidden and continue our spiritual journey. Avoiding deception and taking care not to distort **God's** message, we present the truth clearly even as we commend ourselves to ev-

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3:1 We_are_beginning again ourselves to_be_commending? Or not we_are_needing, as some, of_commendatory letters to you_all or from you_all? **2** The letter of_us you_all are, having_been_inscribed in the hearts of_us, being_known and being_read by all people, **3** being_revealed that you_all_are a_ _letter of_**chosen_one/messiah**, having_been_served by us, having_been_inscribed not in_ink, but with_the_**spirit** of_ _**god** the_living, not on tablets stone, but on tablets of_hearts fleshy. **4** And confidence such we_are_having through the **chosen_one/messiah** toward ~~the~~ **god**. **5** Not that from ourselves worthy we_are to_count anything as of ourselves, but the qualified of_us is of ~~the~~ **god**, **6** who also qualified us as_servants of_a_new covenant, not of_the_letter, but of_the_ _**spirit**, because/for the letter will_be_killing_off, but the **spirit** is_giving_life. **7** But if the service ~~the~~ of_death in letters having_been_engraved in_stones was_become in glory, so_as not to_be_able to_look_intently the sons of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{'ēl}$) at the face of_Mōsa^{y}s/(Mosheh), because_of the glory of_the face of_him, which is being_nullified, **8** how not more the service of_the **spirit** will_be in glory? **9** For/Because if in_the the_service was of_ ~~the~~ _condemnation, glory by_much more is_being_plentiful the service of_ ~~the~~ _righteousness in_glory. **10** For/Because even not has_been_glorified, the thing having_been_glorified in this ~~the~~ regard on_account the surpassing glory. **11** For/Because if the thing being_wasted through glory was, by_much rather the thing remaining in glory. **12** Therefore having such hope to_great boldness we_ _are_resorting, **13** and not just_as Mōsa^{y}s was_putting a_veil over the face of_him, because/for that not to_look_intently the sons of_Israa^{y}l/(Yisrā$^{'ēl}$), to the end of_the thing being_ _wasted. **14** But was_hardened the thinking of_them. For/Because until the today day, the same veil at at_the public_reading of_the old covenant is_remaining, not being_ _unveiled that in **chosen_one/messiah** it_is_being_nullified. **15** But to today whenever ~~wishfully~~ may_be_being_read Mōsa^{y}s, a_veil from the heart of_them is_lying. **16** But whenever ~~if~~ it_may_turn_back to the_**master**, is_being_ _taken_away the veil. **17** And the **master** the **spirit** is, and where the **spirit** of_the_**master** is, freedom is. **18** But we all having_been_unveiled in_face, the glory of_the_**master** reflecting, in_the same image we_are_being_transformed, from glory to glory, just_as from of_the_**master**, the_**spirit**.

4:1 Because_of this having ~~the~~ service this, as we_were_ _shown_mercy, not we_are_losing_heart. **2** But we_renounced the hidden things of_ ~~the~~ _shame, neither walking in craftiness, nor falsifying the message of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, but ~~the~~ by_ _manifestation of_the truth, commending ourselves to every conscience of_people before ~~the~~ **god**. **3** But if also is having_ _been_concealed the good_message of_us, in the ones

6 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Exo 24:12.

7 **RV 3:3 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:33; Eze 11:19; 36:26.

8 **RV 3:6 · Cross-ref.** Jer 31:31.

9 **RV 3:7 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:29.

10 **RV 3:13 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:33.

11 **RV 3:16 · Cross-ref.** Exo 34:34.

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perishing it_is having_been_concealed, **4** in whom the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _age this blinded the thinking of_the unbelievers, in_ _order that not to_radiate the enlightenment of_the good_ _message of_the glory of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, who is the_image of_ ~~the~~ **_god**. **5** For/Because not ourselves we_are_ _proclaiming, but **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa) chosen_ _one/messiah** the_**master**, and ourselves slaves of_you_all because_of **Yaʸsous**. **6** Because ~~the~~ **god** ~~which~~ having_said: Out_of darkness light will_be_shining, who shined in the hearts of_us, because/for enlightenment of_the knowledge of_the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god** in the_face of_**Yaʸsous chosen_ _one/messiah**. **7** But we_are_having ~~the~~ treasure this in earthen vessels, in_order_that the excellent of_the power may_be of_ ~~the~~ **_god**, and not from us, **8** in everything being_ _oppressed, but not being_crushed, perplexing, but not despairing, **9** being_persecuted, but not being_abandoned, being_struck_down, but not perishing, **10** always the death of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous** in our body carrying_about, in_order_that also the life of_ ~~the~~ **_Yaʸsous** in the body of_us may_be_ _revealed. **11** For/Because always we, the ones living, to death are_being_given_over because_of **Yaʸsous**, in_order_ _that also the life of_the of_**Yaʸsous** may_be_revealed in the mortal flesh of_us. **12** So_then ~~the~~ death in us is_working, but ~~the~~ life in you_all. **13** But having the same spirit of_ ~~the~~ _faith, according_to the message having_been_written: I_believed, therefore I_spoke, also we are_believing, therefore also we_ _are_speaking, **14** having_known that the one having_raised ~~the~~ **Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʹa)**, also us with **Yaʸsous** will_be_ _raising, and will_be_presenting us with you_all.
15 For/Because the things all are because_of you_all, in_ _order_that the grace having_been_plentiful through ~~the~~ more, the thanksgiving may_be_plentiful to the glory of_ ~~the~~ **_god**.
16 Therefore not we_are_losing_heart, but if also the outside of_us person is_being_ruined, but the person inside of_us is_ _being_renewed by_day and day. **17** For/Because the momentary light of_ ~~the~~ _tribulation as excess to excess an_ _eternal burden of_glory, is_producing for_us, **18** not observing of_us the things being_seen, but the things not being_seen, because/for the things being_seen are temporary, but the things not being_seen are eternal.

5:1 For/Because we_have_known that if the earthly of_us house of_the tent may_be_torn_down, a_building from **god** we_are_having, a_house not_hand_made eternal in the heavens. **2** For/Because also in this we_are_groaning, the dwelling of_us which is from heaven to_be_clothed longing. **3** If surely also having_dressed_in, not naked we_will_be_ _being_found. **4** For/Because also ~~which~~ being in the tent, we_ _are_groaning, being_weighed_down in that not we_are_ _wanting to_strip_off, but to_be_clothed, in_order_that may_ _be_swallowed_up the mortal by ~~the~~ life. **5** And the one having_prepared us for same purpose this **god** is, the one having_given to_us the deposit of_the **spirit**. **6** Therefore having_confidence always, and having_known that being_at_ _home in the body, we_are_being_absent from the **master**, **7** by for faith we_are_walking, not by appearance. **8** And we_ _are_having_confidence and we_are_taking_pleasure rather to_be_absent out_of the body and to_be_at_home with the

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eryone's conscience before **God**. **3** But even if our good message is concealed, it's concealed from those who are perishing. **4** The **god** of this age has blinded the thinking of the unbelievers so that the light of the good message about the greatness of the **messiah** who's **God's** image, doesn't radiate out to them, **5** because it's not us ourselves that we're proclaiming, but **the master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**. We serve as your slaves because of him, **6** because the **god** who said, 'Light will be shining out of the darkness',[12] shined in our hearts so that we could experience **God's** greatness in the face **of Yeshua Messiah**.

7 So we have this treasure stored in containers made from the dirt, so that the excellence of the power will be from **God** and not from us ourselves. **8** We might be oppressed but we won't be crushed, perplexed but we won't despair, **9** persecuted but we won't be abandoned, and struck down but we won't perish. **10** We always carry around in our bodies the death **of Yeshua**, so that the life **of Yeshua** may also be revealed in our bodies, **11** because we who are alive are always being given over to death for **Yeshua's** sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal bodies. **12** So then, death is working in us, but life is working in all of you.

13 We have the same spirit of faith as what's written: 'I believed, therefore I talked about it.'[13] We also believe so we also talk about it, **14** knowing that the one who brought Yeshua back to life, will also bring us back to life along with **Yeshua**, and will be presenting us along with all of you. **15** All of this is for you, so that after experiencing much grace, you all will be even more thankful and thus honour **God**.

Valuing what's actually important

16 Because of that we're not discouraged because even if our outer person is being ruined, our inner person is being renewed day by day **17** because our small, temporary troubles will produce an excess of great honour for us. **18** We don't just look at what we can see, but include the things that can't be seen, because visible things are temporary, but the things that last forever are invisible to our eyes.

Our future bodies

5:1 We know that when the temporary, earthly home (our body) that we live in is demolished, we will have a building from **God** that's not built by human hands—an eternal house in the heavens. **2** Actually, that's also why we groan—wanting to be clothed in our heavenly bodies. **3** Yes, once we're properly dressed we won't feel naked **4** because while we live in these temporary homes we are groaning. It's not that we want to dispose of these temporary homes, but we want to be permanently clothed so that our mortal parts might be enveloped by life. **5** It's **God** who prepared us for this reason—yes, the one who deposited the **spirit** into us.

6 Because of that, we're always confident and known that while we're at home in our bodies, we are distanced from the **master**, **7** but we walk by faith and not by how things look. **8** And we do have confidence and look forward to being absent

12 **RV 4:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:3.

13 **RV 4:13 · Cross-ref.** Psa 116:10 (LXX).

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out of these bodies and being at home with the **master**, 9 so that's why we're ambitious to please the master, whether we're still in these bodily homes or absent from them. 10 Yes, we must all stand at our court hearing in front of **the messiah**, so that each of us may receive justice for what we did while in these bodies, whether it was good or evil.[14]

11 Because of that, having known the **It's time to get saved** fear of **Yahweh**, we are persuading people, but **God** sees what we're doing, and I'm hoping that your consciences also see the same. 12 Again, we're not trying to promote ourselves to you, but we're giving you all an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can respond to those who take pride in outside appearances rather than in what's in the heart. 13 If we're being crazy, it's to serve **God**, or if we're being sensible, it's for all of you, 14 because the **messiah's** love controls us since we are convinced that he died for everyone. Hence we've all died 15 and he died for everyone, so that anyone who's living, won't be living for themselves any more, but for the one who died for them and then came back to life from the dead.

16 So from now on, we don't just know people in the physical dimension, and even if we have known **Messiah** physically, that's no longer how we know him. 17 So then if anyone is in **Messiah**, they're a *new* creation—the old has gone, and wow, it's now become new! 18 Everything is from **God**, the **one** who reconciled us to himself by **Messiah** and who has given the ministry of reconciliation to us. 19 **God** was in **Messiah** reconciling the world to himself, not listing their sins against them, and having given the message of reconciliation to us.

20 Because of that, we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though **God** is encouraging others through us, so we implore you for **Messiah**: Make your peace with **God**. 21 God took the one who hadn't experienced sin and made him into sin for us so that in him, we could become not guilty in **God's** sight.

6:1 Since we're working together, we want to encourage you all not to accept **God's** grace wastefully 2 because he said,

'I listened to you at the right time,
and I helped you on the day when you were saved.'[15]

Listen, today is the right time to ask. And listen again, today is the right day to get saved.

3 Don't give anyone a reason to stumble, so that the ministry won't be tarnished, 4 but as **God's** servants we commend ourselves in every way—by great endurance when facing afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments,[16] riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger, 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, **the** holy **spirit**, genuine love, 7 in truthful speech and in the power **of God**. Hold the weapons of righteousness in both your right and left hands 8 whether in victory or dishonour, through bad reports and good reports, even if being called fakes (but being genuine). 9 We're regarded as unknowns despite being well-known, considered to be dying off yet very much alive, being beaten but not yet being killed, 10 regarded as sad but always happy, as poor but making many

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master. 9 Therefore also we_are_being_ambitious, whether being_at_home or being_absent, well_pleasing to_him to_be. 10 For/Because ~~which~~ all us to_be_revealed it_is_fitting, before the tribunal of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, in_order_that may_receive_back each the things through the body, with what he_did, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore having_known the fear of_the **master**, people we_are_persuading, But to_**god** we_have_been_revealed, and I_am_hoping also in the consciences of_you_all to_have_ _revealed. 12 Not again ourselves we_are_commending to_ _you_all, but opportunity giving to_you_all of_boast for us, in_order_that you_all_may_be_having toward the ones in appearance boasting, and not in the_heart. 13 For/Because whether we_flipped_out, to_**god** it_is, or we_are_being_ _sensible, for_you_all it_is. 14 For/Because the love of_the **chosen_one/messiah** is_holding us, having_judged this, that one for all died_off, consequently ~~which~~ all died_off. 15 And for all he_died_off, in_order_that the ones living, no_longer to_themselves may_be_living, but to_the one for them having_died_off and having_been_raised. 16 So_then we from the time now no_one have_known according_to flesh. If even we_have_known according_to flesh **chosen_one/messiah**, but now no_longer we_are_knowing him. 17 So_then if anyone is in **chosen_one/messiah**, a_new creation he_is, the ancient things passed_away, see, it_has_become new. 18 And the things all of ~~the~~ **god**, the one having_reconciled us to_ _himself by **chosen_one/messiah**, and having_given to_us the service of_ ~~the~~ _reconciliation, 19 how that **god** was in **chosen_one/messiah** the_world reconciling to_himself, not counting to_them the transgressions of_them, and having_ _put in us the message of_ ~~the~~ _reconciliation. 20 For/Because Therefore **chosen_one/messiah** we_are_being_ambassadors, as_though ~~the~~ **god** exhorting through us, we_are_beseeching for **chosen_one/messiah**, be_reconciled to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 21 The one not having_known sin, because/for us sin he_made, in_ _order_that we may_become the_righteousness of_**god** in him.

6:1 And working_together also, we_are_exhorting not in vain the grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** to_receive you_all. 2 For/Because he_ _is_saying: In_a_time acceptable I_listened_to from_you, and in the_day of_salvation I_gave_help to_you. Behold, now is the_time acceptable, see, now is the_day of_salvation. 3 Not_ _one in nothing giving cause_for_stumbling, in_order_that not may_be_blemished the service. 4 But in everything commending ourselves as of_**god** servants: in endurance great, in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in prisons, in disturbances, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the_**spirit** holy, in love unhypocritical, 7 in the_message of_truth, in the_power of_**god**, through the weapons of_ ~~the~~ _ _righteousness of_the right and the_left, 8 through glory and dishonour, through defamation and good_report, as deceivers and_yet true, 9 as being_not_knowing and_yet being_known_fully, as dying_off and_yet see, we_are_living, as being_disciplined and_yet not being_put_to_death, 10 as being_sorrowed but always rejoicing, as poor but many making_rich, as nothing having and_yet all things keeping. 11 The mouth of_us has_opened_up to you_all, Korinthios,

14 **RV 5:10 · Cross-ref.** Rom 14:10.

15 **RV 6:2 · Cross-ref.** Isa 49:8.

16 **RV 6:5 · Cross-ref.** Acts 16:23.

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the heart of_us has_been_widened. **12** Not you_all_are_being_
_restricted by us, but you_all_are_being_restricted in the
compassions of_you_all. **13** And for_the the_same
recompense (as to_children I_am_speaking) be_widened also
you_all.

14 Not be_becoming mispairing with_unbelievers,
because/for what partnership exists by_righteousness and
lawlessness, or what fellowship exists by_light with
darkness? **15** And what harmony is of_**chosen_one/messiah**
with Beliar, or what portion exists by_a_believer with an_
_unbeliever? **16** And what agreement exists by_the_temple
of_**god** with idols? for we the_temple of_**god** are the_living,
as said ~~the~~ **god**, ~~that~~ I_will_be_dwelling in them, and I_will_be_
_walking_among them, and I_will_be of_them **god**, and they
will_be of_me a_people. **17** Therefore come_out from the_
_midst of_them and be_set_apart, is_saying the_**master**: and
against_the_unclean not be_touching: And_I will_be_
_receiving_in you_all. **18** And I_will_be to_you_all for a_father,
and you_all will_be to_me for sons and daughters, is_saying
the_**master** almighty.
7:1 Therefore these having the promises, beloved, we_may_
_cleanse ourselves from every defilement of_flesh and spirit,
accomplishing holiness in the_reverence of_**god**.

2 Have_room for_us, no_one we_did_wrong, no_one we_
_corrupted, no_one we_exploited. **3** For/Because
condemnation not I_am_speaking, because/for I_have_
_previously_said that you_all_are, in the hearts of_us in_
_order that to_die_together and to_be_living_together.
4 Great is to_me boldness toward you_all, great is to_me
boasting for you_all, I_have_been_filled ~~the~~ with_exhortation,
I_am_being_overflowed ~~the~~ with_joy in all the tribulation of_
_us. **5** For/Because also having_come of_us into Makedonia,
not_one has_had relaxation the flesh of_us, but in everything
being_oppressed, outside quarrels, inside fears. **6** But the one
comforting the humble, comforted us ~~the~~ **god** by the coming
of_Titos, **7** not and only by the coming of_him, but also by
the comfort with_which he_was_comforted in you_all,
declaring to_us the of_you_all longing, the of_you_all
mourning, the of_you_all zeal for me, so_as for_me more to_
_be_elated. **8** Because if also I_sorrowed you_all in the letter,
not I_am_regretting it. if even I_was_regretting it (I_am_
_seeing that ~~the~~ letter that, if even for an_hour sorrowed you_
_all) **9** now I_am_rejoicing not that you_all_were_sorrowed,
but that you_all_were_sorrowed into repentance, because/for
you_all_were_sorrowed according_to **god**, in_order_that in

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people rich, as having nothing but possessing everything.
11 We've shared our thoughts with you all from Korinthos
and our hearts have been expanded. **12** You haven't been re-
stricted by us, but your own compassions restrict you all. **13** In
return, you also should be expanded. (Yes, I know it's like I'm
talking to children.)

Don't be teamed with unbelievers

14 Don't be teamed together with un-
believers, because how can there be a
partnership between obeying and disobeying God, or in other
words, how can light socialise with darkness? **15** So what har-
mony can **Messiah** have with Satan, or what does a believer
have in common with an unbeliever? **16** What agreement can
God's temple have with idols, because we are the temple **of**
the living God?**17** As God said,

'I will live with them
and I will walk among them.
I will be their **god**
and they will be my people.'**18**

17 Therefore **Yahweh** says,

'Come out from among them and be separate.
Touch nothing that's ceremonially prohibited
and then I will accept you.**19**
18 I will be a Father for you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,'

says **Yahweh the** all-powerful.**20**

7:1 Dear brothers and sisters, because we have those
promises we should avoid doing anything that would defile
our bodies or our spirits, thus staying pure due to our respect
for **God**.

Paulos's happiness about those in Korinthos

2 Please do accept us because we didn't
wrong anyone, and we didn't corrupt or
exploit anyone. **3** I'm not pronouncing
condemnation because I've said previously that you all are in
our hearts so together we'll die and together we'll live again.
4 I feel very bold towards you all and boast a lot about you. I'm
filled with encouragement and even in our troubles I'm over-
flowing with happiness .

5 Actually, since we arrived in Makedonia**21** we've had no
physical rest but we've been oppressed in every way—on the
outside there's quarrels and on the inside we've had our fears,
6 but the **God** who comforts those who are humble, comforted
us with the arrival of Titos. **7** It wasn't just his coming, but also
because he'd been comforted by all of you. He told us about
your longing for me, and your mourning for my troubles and
your zeal for me, and it really cheered me up.

8 Yes, because even if I made you sad with my letter,**22** I don't
regret sending it. (Well, for a while I was sad for you that I had
sent the letter.) **9** Anyway, now I'm happy, not that it made you

17 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** 1Cor 3:16; 6:19.

18 **RV 6:16 · Cross-ref.** Lev 26:12; Eze 37:27.

19 **RV 6:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 52:11.

20 **RV 6:18 · Cross-ref.** 2Sam 7:14; 1Ch 17:13; Isa 43:6; Jer 31:9.

21 **RV 7:5 · Cross-ref.** 2Cor 2:13.

22 **RV 7:8 · Note** Most scholars agree that the letter referred to here (often referred to as 'the severe letter' because of its effects described in the rest of the paragraph) is not the one that we call '1 Corinthians'.

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sad, but because that sadness led to turning away from your sin because that sorrow was according to **God's** values so you didn't lose anything because of us. **10** Because sorrow according to **God's** values brings repentance that leads to salvation without regrets, but the world's sorrow leads to death. **11** See how this sorrow according to **God's** values has produced earnestness in you all, but also eagerness to clear yourselves, resentment, fear, longing, zeal, and vengeance. You have proved yourselves innocent in the matter in every area.

12 So if I also wrote to you all, not on account of the one having done wrong, nor on account of the one having been wronged, but on account of your earnestness that would be revealed to us all before **God**, **13** then we've been comforted because of this.

And talking about our comfort, we were quite thrilled at Titos' happiness because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.

14 Yes, if I've boasted anything about you all to him, I wasn't disgraced, but as we spoke the truth to you all about everything, so also did our boasting to Titos become true **15** and his affection towards you all increased when he's reminded about your obedience and how you accepted him with fear and trembling. **16** I'm thrilled that I can have confidence in you all about everything.

Encouragement to be generous

8:1 And then, brothers and sisters, we want you to know **about** how **God** showed kindness to the assemblies in Makedonia[23] **2** in that as they proved themselves in a time of persecution, they continued to show great positivity and from the depth of their poverty, their generosity resulted in plentiful riches. **3** So I'm testifying about their ability, and besides that, they voluntarily **4** and enthusiastically begged us to allow them the grace and fellowship that would come from their service to other believers. **5** It wasn't something that we expected of them, but they gave themselves—firstly to the **master**, and also to us by **God's** will. **6** So we encouraged Titos that just as he began to do previously, that he would go on to cultivate this generosity in you. **7** But since you're all prolific in everything—in faith and speech and knowledge and all earnestness and in the love from us to you all—make sure that you're all prolific in this grace of giving.

8 I'm not saying this as a command, but approving the genuineness of your love through the earnestness of others. **9** because you have all experienced the grace of our **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah**: that although he was rich, he became poor so that all of you in your poverty might become rich.

10 And I'm giving my opinion on this because it's beneficial for you all not only to do what began last year, but to do it willingly. **11** Now you should see this through so that you're all not just ready to be willing, but also to actually accomplish that from what you have, **12** because if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what they do not have.

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nothing you_all_may_be_lost by us. **10** For/Because the according_to **god** sorrow, repentance to salvation unregrettable is_producing, and the of_the world sorrow, death is_producing. **11** For/Because see same thing this ~~which~~ according_to **god** to_be_sorrowed, how_much it_produced in_you_all earnestness: but what defense, but what resentment, but what fear, but what longing, but what zeal, but what vengeance. In everything you_all_demonstrated yourselves pure to_be in_the matter. **12** Consequently if also I_wrote to_you_all, not on_account the one having_done_ _wrong, nor on_account the one having_been_done_wrong, but on_account the thing to_be_revealed the earnestness of_ _you_all, which is for us to you_all before ~~the~~ **god**. **13** Because_ _of this we_have_been_comforted. And to the comfort of_us, more_abundantly rather we_were_elated at the joy of_Titos, because has_been_refreshed the spirit of_him by all of_you. **14** Because if anything to_him about you_all I_have_boasted, not I_was_disgraced, but as all things in truth we_spoke to_ _you_all, thus also the boasting of_us to Titos truth was_ _become. **15** And the compassions of_him more_abundantly toward you_all is, being_reminded the of_all of_you obedience, how with fear and trembling you_all_received him. **16** I_am_rejoicing that in everything, I_am_having_ _confidence in you_all.

8:1 And we_are_making_known to_you_all, brothers, the grace of_ ~~the~~ _**god** ~~which~~ having_been_given among the assemblies of_ ~~the~~ _Makedonia, **2** that in much provenness of_ _tribulation, the abundance of_the joy of_them and ~~which~~ according_to depth poverty of_them, been_plentiful into the riches of_the generosity of_them. **3** Because according_to their_ability I_am_testifying, and beside their_ability, voluntary **4** with much exhortation beseeching of_us, the grace and the fellowship of_the service ~~which~~ among the holy ones. **5** And not as we_hoped, but themselves they_gave, first to_the **master**, and to_us, by the_will of_**god**. **6** In_order that to_exhort us Titos, in_order_that as he_previously_began, thus also he_may_accomplish in you_all also ~~the~~ grace this. **7** But as in everything you_all_are_being_plentiful, in_faith, and speech, and knowledge, and all earnestness, and the from us to you_all love, in_order_that also in this ~~the~~ grace you_all_may_be_being_plentiful. **8** Not as a_command I_am_ _speaking, but through the of_others earnestness, also the ~~the~~ of_your love genuine approving. **9** For/Because you_all_are_ _knowing the grace of_the **master** of_us, **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, that because_of you_all he_became_poor, rich being, in_order_that you_all by_the of_that one poverty may_be_rich. **10** And a_opinion in this I_am_giving, because/for this for_you_all is_benefitting, who not only ~~which~~ to_do, but also ~~which~~ to_be_willing, previously_began from last_year. **11** But right_now also ~~which~~ to_do accomplish you, so_that just_as the readiness of_the one to_be_willing, thus also that to_accomplish out_of that to_be_having. **12** For/Because if the readiness is_lying_before, as ~~if~~ he_may_be_having acceptable it_is, not as not he_is_ _having. **13** For/Because not in_order_that to_others relaxation may_be, to_you_all tribulation, but of equality. **14** At the present time, the of_you_all excess is for the one of_ _those need, in_order_that also the of_those excess may_

23 RV 8:1-4 · Cross-ref. Rom 15:26.

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_become for the of_you_all need, so_that there_may_become equality. **15** As it_has_been_written: The one with_the much, not been_plentiful, and the one with_the little, no had_less.

16 But thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, the one giving the same earnestness for you_all in the heart of_Titos. **17** Because our indeed appeal he_received, but more_earnest being voluntary, he_came_out to you_all. **18** And we_sent_with with him the brother, of_whose ~~the~~ praise is in the good_message through all of_the assemblies, **19** not and only this, but also having_been_chosen by the assemblies are_travelling_ _companion of_us, with ~~the~~ grace this ~~which~~ being_served by us, because/for the of_the **master** glory, and the_readiness of_us, **20** avoiding this, lest anyone us may_blemish, in ~~the~~ exuberance this ~~which~~ being_served by us, **21** for/because we_ _are_providing good, not only before the_**master**, but also before people. **22** And we_sent_with with_them the brother of_us, whom we_approved in many things, often earnest being, but right_now much more_earnestly by_his_ _confidence much ~~which~~ toward you_all. **23** Whether concerning Titos, he_is_partner my and for you_all a_ _fellow-worker, or the_brothers of_us, ambassadors of_the_ _assemblies the_glory of_**chosen_one/messiah**. **24** Therefore the sign of_the love of_you_all, and of_us boasting about you_ _all, to them displaying in face of_the assemblies.

9:1 Concerning for indeed the service ~~which~~ to the holy ones, superfluous for_me is ~~which~~ to_be_writing to_you_all. **2** For/Because I_have_known the readiness of_you_all, which concerning you_all I_am_boasting to_the_ones_from_ _Makedonia, that Akaia has_prepared from last_year, and the of_you_all zeal provoked ~~the~~ more of_them. **3** But I_sent the brothers, in_order_that not the boast of_us, which is about you_all, may_be_voided in ~~the~~ regard this, in_order_that as I_ _was_saying, having_prepared you_all_may_be. **4** Not somehow if may_come with me ones_from_Makedonia, and they_may_find you_all unprepared, may_be_disgraced we, in_ _order_that not we_may_be_saying you_all, by ~~the~~ confidence this. **5** Therefore necessary I_considered it to_exhort the brothers, in_order_that they_may_go_ahead to you_all and they_may_prearrange the having_previously_promised blessing of_you_all, this ready to_be thus as a_blessing, and not as greediness.

6 And this: the one sowing sparingly, sparingly also will_be_ _reaping, and the one sowing on blessings, on blessings also will_be_reaping. **7** Let_each do as he_has_chosen in_his heart, not out_of sorrow or of necessity, because/for a_cheerful giver is_loving ~~the~~ **god**. **8** And is_able ~~the~~ **god** all grace to_be_ _plentiful to you_all, in_order_that in everything always all contentment having, you_all_may_be_being_plentiful in every work good. **9** As it_has_been_written: He_scattered, he_ _gave to_the poor, the righteousness of_him is_remaining to the age. **10** And the one supplying seed to_the one sowing, and bread for food, will_be_supplying and will_be_ _multiplying the seed of_you_all, and will_be_growing the

24 **RV 8:15 · Cross-ref.** Exo 16:18.

25 **RV 8:21 · Cross-ref.** Prv 3:4 (LXX).

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13 Of course, it's not that others should be relaxing while you all endure difficulty, but with an aim of equality. **14** At the present time, your excess will help those who are in need—another time their excess might meet your need to bring about equality. **15** As the scriptures say:

'The person who gathered much didn't have too much,
and the person who gathered little didn't have any lack.'[24]

Concerning Titos and his companions

16 But may **God** be thanked for putting the same earnestness for you all into Titos' mind **17** because indeed he accepted our appeal, but being so earnest he volunteered to visit you all. **18** And we sent another brother along with him, who is praised by all the assemblies for his good message, **19** and not only that, he was also chosen by the assemblies as our travelling companion as we bring this gift as our service for the **master's** honour and for our readiness. **20** We want to avoid the possibility of being criticised in our excitement in serving this way, **21** because we are providing good, not only towards **Yahweh**, but also for people.[25]

22 We also sent with them another brother who we approved of in many ways—often being diligent, but now much more diligent because of his high confidence in you all. **23** Concerning Titos, he is my partner and your fellow-worker, and the accompanying brothers are ambassadors of the assemblies which are **Messiah's** splendour, **24** so show them signs of your love and fulfil what we boasted about you all in the various assemblies.

Preparing the aid for the believers

9:1 It's unnecessary for me to write to you all about this ministry to the believers **2** because I know about your readiness to help and I've been boasting about it to those from Makedonia—that you all in Akaia were ready last year—and your zeal provoked more of them to act. **3** But I sent the brothers so that our boasting about you all won't be invalidated in this regard, so that you'll be prepared just as I had told them. **4** Otherwise if somehow some might come with me from Makedonia and find you unprepared, then we (or might we say you all as well) might be disgraced by our confidence. **5** That's why I considered it necessary to encourage the brothers to go ahead to you all there so they could prearrange the gift that you'd previously promised so that it would be ready as a blessing and not appear as our greediness.

Showing generosity

6 Also this: the person who plants sparingly will also harvest sparingly, and the person sowing generously will also have a generous harvest. **7** Let each person do what their own heart tells them—not out of sorrow or from pressure, but because **God** loves those who are cheerful givers. **8** And **God** is able to shower generosity onto you all so that you'll be content having everything you need, thus able to be prolific in doing good to others. **9** As it's written in the scriptures:

'He distributed his gifts and gave to the poor,

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now his righteousness will remain to the end of the age.'[26]
10 Thus God who supplies the seed to the person sowing and supplies our food,[27] will be supplying and multiplying your seeds as you sow in others and will increase the harvest resulting from your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched towards generosity in every way, which will lead us all to give thanks **to God**. 12 Serving in this kind of ministry meets the needs of the believers, but also leads to plenty of occasions to give thanks **to God**. 13 In proving yourselves by this ministry, they will honour **God** as it displays your commitment to the good message of the **messiah**, and your generosity toward them and towards **everyone**, 14 and they will wish the best for you all and pray for you because of **God's** overflowing goodness to you all. 15 Yes, we thank **God** for his incredible gift.

Paulos's defence of his authority

10:1 Now I myself, Paulos, am indeed humble when I'm with you all, but when I'm absent I'm bolder. I implore you all by the humility and gentleness of **the messiah** 2 and I beg you so that when I come I won't have to be as bold as I'm expecting to counter those who consider us to be motivated by worldly desires. 3 We might be living in this world, but it's not people that we're at war with, 4 because the weapons that we use in war are not physical but come with **God's** power for tearing down anti-God institutions and nullifying their arguments. 5 We attack every theory that's used to argue against the possibility of knowing **God**, and capturing all thinking so it becomes obedient to **the messiah**, 6 and being ready to stand against all disobedience for whenever your obedience might be complete.
7 You all are looking at the outside appearance **of** things. Anyone who has personally decided to follow **Messiah** needs to take this into account: just as they belong to **Messiah**, so also do we. 8 So if I boast too often about our authority (which the **master** gave us for building you up rather than for tearing you down), I won't be ashamed of it 9 so that hopefully I won't be terrifying you all with my letters. 10 Some are saying, "His letters are heavy and strongly-worded, but when he's actually here, he's weak and his words get mocked." 11 Those people should reconsider and realise that as we are in our letters when we're absent, that's also how we'll work when we're present.
12 We don't dare to classify ourselves or compare with some of those who commend themselves, but they measure and compare themselves with each other—not understanding what they're doing. 13 But we won't boast about immeasurable things—only those domains where **God** allotted a measure to us which was to reach all of you. 14 In not reaching you we don't overextend ourselves, because we came your way with the good message about the **messiah**. 15 We don't boast of things we can't measure like other peoples' work, but we have hope that as your faith grows, you'll see us as more important in more areas 16 so we can preach the good message to the areas beyond you—not boasting about things already done in

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fruits of_the righteousness of_you_all, 11 in everything being_made_rich to all generosity, which is_producing through us, thanksgiving to_ ~~the~~ **_god**. 12 Because the service of_ ~~the~~ _ministry this, not only is replenishing the needs of_ _the holy ones, but also being_plentiful through many thanksgivings to_ ~~the~~ **_god**, 13 through the provenness of_ ~~the~~ _service this, glorifying ~~the~~ **god** at the submission of_the of_ _confession of_you_all to the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, and on_the_generosity of_the fellowship toward them and toward all, 14 and of_them with_the_ _petition for you_all, longing_for for_you_all, because_of the surpassing grace of_ ~~the~~ **_god** on you_all. 15 Thankfulness be to_ ~~the~~ **_god** for the indescribable of_him gift.

10:1 And myself I, Paulos, am_exhorting you_all by the gentleness and gentleness of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, who concerning appearance indeed am_humble among you_all, but being_absent I_am_having_confidence toward you_all. 2 And I_am_beseeching you that not, being_present to_have_ _confidence with_the confidence with_which I_am_counting, to_dare to some ~~which~~ counting us, as according_to the_flesh walking. 3 In for the_flesh walking, not according_to flesh we_are_warring. 4 For/Because the weapons of_the warfare of_us are not fleshly, but powerful to_ ~~the~~ **_god** to the_ _tearing_down of_strongholds, arguments taking_down, 5 and every height lifted_up against the knowledge of_ ~~the~~ _ **_god**, and making_captive every thinking into the obedience of_the **chosen_one/messiah**, 6 and in ready having to_ _avenge all disobedience, whenever may_be_fulfilled of_you_ _all the obedience. 7 At_the things according_to appearance you_all_are_looking. If anyone has_persuaded by_himself of_ **_chosen_one/messiah** to_be, this him _let_be_counting in_ _contrast by himself, that as he is of_**chosen_one/messiah**, thus also we are. 8 And For/Because if more_abundantly something I_may_boast concerning the authority of_us, which gave the **master** for building you and not for tearing_ _down of_you_all, not I_will_be_being_ashamed, 9 in_order_ _that not I_may_suppose as_though ~~wishfully~~ to_be_terrifying you_all by my letters. 10 Because: His letters indeed, he_is_ _saying: heavy and strong are, but the presence of_his body is weak, and his speech having_been_scorned. 11 This let_be_ _counting ~~the~~ such one, that such_as we_are ~~the~~ in_message by letters being_absent, such also being_present ~~the~~ in_work. 12 For/Because not we_are_daring to_classify or to_compare ourselves, with_some of_the ones themselves commending, but they among themselves, themselves measuring and comparing themselves with_themselves, not are_ _understanding. 13 But we not into the immeasurable will_ _be_boasting, but according_to the measure of_the domain, of_which allotted to_us ~~the~~ **god** of_a_measure, to_reach until also of_you_all. 14 not not For/Because as reaching to you_all, we_are_overextending ourselves, because/for until also of_ _you_all we_came in the good_message of_the **chosen_ _one/messiah**, 15 not to the immeasurable boasting in anothers labours, but hope having, being_grown of_the faith of_you_all, among you_all to_be_magnified according_to the domain of_us to abundance, 16 to the parts beyond you_all to_good_message_preach, not in anothers domain for the

26 **RV 9:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 112:9.
27 **RV 9:10 · Cross-ref.** Isa 55:10.

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ready things to_boast. **17** But the one boasting, in the_**master** him _let_be_boasting. **18** For/Because not the one himself commending, that one approved, is but whom the **master** is_ _commending.

11:1 I_wish you_all_were_tolerating of_me little some of_ _foolishness, but even are_tolerating of_me. **2** For/Because I_ _am_being_jealous for_you_all of_**god** with_the_jealousy, because/for I_joined you_all to_one husband, a_virgin pure to_present to_the **chosen_one/messiah**. **3** But I_am_fearing, lest somehow as the serpent deceived Heua/(Ḥavvāh) in the craftiness of_him, it_may_be_corrupted the thinking of_you_ _all from the sincerity and the purity ~~which~~ in the **chosen_ _one/messiah**. **4** If for indeed the one coming another **Ya^{y}sous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** is_proclaiming whom not we_ _proclaimed, or a_spirit another you_all_are_receiving which not you_all_received, or good_message another which not you_all_received, well you_all_are_tolerating. **5** I_am_ _counting for nothing to_have_been_deficient of_the super ambassadors. **6** But if even ordinary ~~the~~ in_speech, but not ~~the~~ in_knowledge, but in everything having_revealed in all things to you_all. **7** Or a_sin I_did myself humbling, in_order_ _that you_all may_be_exalted, because undeservedly the of_ ~~the~~ _**god** good_message I_good_message_preached to_you_all? **8** Other assemblies I_robbed, having_received support for the of_you_all service, **9** and being_present with you_all and having_been_deficient, not I_burdened of_no_one, because/for the need of_me replenishing the brothers having_come from Makedonia, and in everything unburdensome myself to_you_all I_kept and I_will_be_ _keeping. **10** Is the_truth of_**chosen_one/messiah** in me, that ~~the~~ boasting this not will_be_being_stopped in me in the regions of_ ~~the~~ _Aḳaia. **11** For/Because_reason why? Because not I_am_loving you_all? ~~The~~ **god** has_known I_do. **12** But what I_am_doing, also I_will_be_doing, in_order_that I_may_ _cut_off the opportunity of_the ones wanting an_ _opportunity, in_order_that in what they_are_boasting, they_ _may_be_found as also we. **13** For/Because ~~the~~ such are false_ _emissaries, workers deceitful, masquerading themselves for ambassadors of_**chosen_one/messiah**. **14** And no wonder, because/for himself ~~the~~ Satan/(Sāṭān) is_masquerading for a_ _messenger of_light. **15** Not therefore great it_is, if also the servants of_him are_masquerading as servants of_ _righteousness, whose ~~the~~ end will_be according_to the works of_them.

16 Again I_am_saying, no someone me may_suppose foolish to_be, but if not surely even_if as foolish receive me, in_ _order_that also_I little some may_boast. **17** What I_am_ _speaking, not according_to the_**master** I_am_speaking, but as in foolishness, in this ~~the~~ confidence of_ ~~the~~ _boasting. **18** Because many are_boasting according_to the_flesh, also_I will_be_boasting. **19** For/Because gladly you_all_are_ _tolerating of_the foolish, prudent being. **20** For/Because you_all_are_tolerating, if anyone you_all is_enslaving, if anyone is_devouring you_all, if anyone is_taking you_all, if anyone is_lifting_up himself, if anyone in the_face you_all is_ _beating you_all. **21** Concerning dishonour I_am_saying as that we have_faltered. In but whatever ~~wishfully~~ anyone may_

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others' areas.

17 But 'if anyone does boast, they should boast in **Yahweh**',[28] **18** because it's not the people who commend themselves that are approved, but those who the **master** commends.

Paulos and the fake missionaries

11:1 I wish you all could tolerate a bit of foolishness from me, but yes, you do tolerate me, **2** because I'm jealous of you all with godly jealousy as I had committed you to your future husband—a pure bride to present to the **messiah**. **3** But I'm afraid that just as the crafty serpent somehow deceived Havah (Eve),[29] your thinking might get corrupted from its sincerity and purity in the **messiah**. **4** Indeed even if another **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came and proclaimed something different from what we proclaimed, or if you receive another spirit that you hadn't received already, or a good message different from what you've already heard, you might tolerate it.

5 I reckon that I wasn't deficient compared to the 'super missionaries', **6** but even if my speaking is just ordinary, my knowledge isn't and I've made everything clear to you all in every way.

7 Or did I disobey **God** when I humbled myself so that all of you might be elevated, because I shared the good message with you all without any personal gain? **8** I've 'robbed' other assemblies in order to support my ministry to all of you, **9** and when I was with you and needed something, I wasn't a burden to anyone, because the believers who came from Makedonia supplied what I needed.[30] Thus I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will keep doing so. **10** The **messiah's** truth is in me such that my boasting in the regions of Akaia won't be stopped. **11** Why's that? Because I don't love you all? **God** knows that I do.

12 But what I'm doing, I'll keep on doing, so that I can deny the opportunity to those people who are looking for an opportunity so that what they boast about, we'll already be doing, **13** because they are false ambassadors and deceitful workers—masquerading themselves as **Messiah's** missionaries, **14** and that's no surprise because Satan himself masquerades as a messenger of light. **15** So then it's no great surprise if his servants are masquerading as God's servants, but their end will be the consequence of their actions.

Paulos's boasting about his sufferings

16 I'll say it again: no one should suppose that I'm foolish, but if they do, at least accept me as foolish so that I can also boast a little. **17** When I say that, I'm not talking words from **Yahweh**, but like a fool confidently boasting. **18** Many boast like worldly people, so I'll boast as well, **19** because you prudent ones happily tolerate foolish people. **20** Yes, you tolerate those who'll enslave you all, those who'll exploit you, those who'll take advantage of you all, those who promote themselves, and anyone whacks you in the face. **21** I'm talking about dishonour as if we were weak, but (speaking foolishly again), anything that

28 RV 10:17 · Cross-ref. Jer 9:24.

29 RV 11:3 · Cross-ref. Gen 3:1-5,13.

30 RV 11:9 · Cross-ref. Php 4:15-18.

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anyone else is brave enough to do, then I will also be brave enough to match. **22** Are they Ivrim (Hebrews)? I am too. Are they Israelis? So am I. Are they descendants of Avraham? Me also. **23** Are they **Messiah's** servants? Well, I'm above them (speaking insanely now): I've worked harder, been in prison more often, endured uncountable beatings,[31] and been close to death more often. **24** I've received the thirty-nine lashes from the Jewish leadership five times,[32] **25** was beaten three times with rods,[33] was stoned once,[34] shipwrecked three times, and I was in the ocean for a day and a night. **26** I've done many long trips, crossed dangerous rivers, risked being robbed, was persecuted by my own people[35] as well as by non-Jews,[36] have been in danger in the city, in the wilderness and on the ocean, as well as being attacked by false teachers. **27** I've worked often and worked hard, often needing to keep guard, suffered famine and thirst, fasted often, and been cold and lacking clothing. **28** Then apart from all those external things, I've been opposed every day—not to mention my concern for all the assemblies. **29** What person falters and I don't falter with them? Who stumbles in their walk with God and I don't suffer with them?

30 If it's appropriate to be boasting, what I'd boast about would be my weaknesses. **31** The **god** and father of the **master Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)—the one who should be praised for all the ages—knows that I'm not lying. **32** The governor of Aretas (appointed by the king) had guards around the city of Damesek (Damascus) to try to arrest me,[37] **33** but I was lowered down from a window in the city wall in a basket and thus able to escape his clutch.

What God showed Paulos

12:1 It's not appropriate or beneficial to be boasting, so I'll come to the visions and revelations from **Yahweh**.[38] **2** Fourteen years ago I observed a man who was a believer in **Messiah** who was pulled up to the third heaven. (I didn't know whether this physically happened or just in the spiritual realm.) **3** And I know that man (**God** only knows if it was in the physical or just the spiritual realm) **4** was pulled up into paradise and heard messages which can't be put into words (because living people aren't allow to speak them). **5** I'm prepared to boast about that man, but I won't boast about myself because I won't boast at all except about my weaknesses, **6** because even if I did want to boast, I wouldn't be being foolish, because I would be speaking the truth. But I'll refrain in case anyone reckons that I'm more than what they can see or hear about me.

7 So to keep my head from getting too big because of those incredible revelations, I was given a 'thorn' in my body—Satan's messenger to harass me and keep me from becoming

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_be_daring (in foolishness I_am_speaking), I_am_daring also_ _I. **22** Hebraios they_are? Also_I. ones_from_Israaʸl/(Yisrāʾēl) they_are? Also_I. Descendants of_Abra'am/(ʾAvrāhām) they_ _are? Also_I. **23** Servants of_**chosen_one/messiah** they_are? (Being_insane I_am_speaking), above them I am: in labours more_abundantly, in prisons more_abundantly, in beatings beyond_measure, in deaths often. **24** By the_Youdaiōns five_ _times forty less one I_received, **25** three-times I_was_ _beating_with_rods, once I_was_stoned, three-times I_ _suffered_shipwreck, a_night_and_day in the deep I_have_ _done, **26** in_journeys often, in_dangers of_rivers, in_dangers of_robbers, in_dangers from my_race, in_dangers from the_ _pagans, in_dangers in the_city, in_dangers in the_ _wilderness, in_dangers on the_sea, in_dangers among false_ _brothers, **27** in_labour and hardship, in watchings often, in famine and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. **28** Apart_from the things externally, the attack to_me ~~which~~ on day, the worry of_all the assemblies. **29** Who is_faltering, and not I_am_faltering? Who is_being_stumbled, and not I am_being_burned? **30** If to_be_boasting it_is_fitting, the things of_the weakness of_me I_will_be_boasting. **31** The **god** and father of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʿa)** has_known, the one being blessed to the ages, that not I_am_lying. **32** In Damaskos/(Dammeseq) the governor of_Aretas the king was_ _guarding the city of_the_from_Damaskos/(Dammeseq) to_ _arrest me, wanting, **33** but through a_window in a_basket, I_ _was_lowered through the wall and I_escaped the hands of_ _him.

12:1 To_be_boasting it_is_fitting, not benefitting indeed, I_ _will_be_coming and to visions and revelations of_the_ **_master**. **2** I_have_known a_man in **chosen_one/messiah** before fourteen years (whether in the_body not I_have_ _known, or outside the body not I_have_known, ~~the~~ **god** has_ _known), having_been_snatched ~~the~~ such to the_third heaven. **3** And I_have_known ~~the~~ such a_man (whether in the_body or apart_from the body not I_have_known, ~~the~~ **god** has_known), **4** that was_snatched into ~~the~~ paradise, and heard inexpressible messages, which it_is not permitting to_a_ _human to_speak. **5** Concerning ~~the~~ such man, I_will_be_ _boasting, but concerning myself, not I_will_be_boasting, except ~~not/lest~~ in my weaknesses. **6** For/Because if I_may_ _want to_boast, not I_will_be foolish, because/for the_truth I_will_be_speaking, but I_am_refraining, lest anyone to me may_count beyond what he_is_seeing in_me, or is_hearing of me. **7** And by_the excess of_the revelations, therefore in_ _order_that not I _may_be_being_exalted, was_given to_me a_ _thorn in_my flesh, a_messenger of_Satan/(Sāṭān), in_order_ _that me he_may_be_tormenting, in_order_that not I _may_

31 RV 11:23 · Cross-ref. Acts 16:23.

32 RV 11:24 · Cross-ref. Deu 25:3.

33 RV 11:25 · Cross-ref. Acts 16:22.

34 RV 11:25 · Cross-ref. Acts 14:19.

35 RV 11:26 · Cross-ref. Acts 9:23.

36 RV 11:26 · Cross-ref. Acts 14:5.

37 RV 11:32-33 · Cross-ref. Acts 9:23-25.

38 RV 12:1 · Note See http://bibledifferences.net/2019/04/24/156-boast.

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_be_being_exalted. **8** For/Because this three-times the **master** I_implored that he_may_withdraw from me. **9** And he_has_said to_me: Is_sufficing for_you the grace of_me, because/for the power in weakness is_being_finished. Therefore most_gladly rather I_will_be_boasting in the weaknesses of_me, in_order_that may_take_residence in me the power of_the **chosen_one/messiah**. **10** Therefore I_am_ _taking_pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, and distresses, for **chosen_one/messiah**, because/for whenever I_may_be_faltering, then powerful I_ _am.

11 I_have_become foolish, you_all me compelled. For/Because I was_ought by you_all to_be_being_commended. For/Because nothing I_being_deficient of_the super ambassadors, if even nothing I_am. **12** The indeed signs of_ _the ambassador was_produced among you_all in all endurance, and in_signs, and wonders, and miracles. **13** For/Because what is it that you_all_were_lessened beyond the rest of_the_assemblies, except ~~not/lest~~ that myself I not burdened of_you_all? Forgive to_me ~~the~~ unrighteousness this. **14** Behold, third time this ready I_am_having to_come to you_ _all, and not I_will_be_burdening, because/for not I_am_ _seeking what is of_you_all, but you_all, because/for not ought the children for_the parents to_be_storing_up, but the parents for_the children. **15** And I most_gladly will_be_ _spending and will_be_being_spent_out for the souls of_you_ _all. If more_abundantly you_all loving, less I_am_being_ _loved? **16** But it_let_be, I not burdened_down you_all, but being crafty by_deceit, you_all I_took. **17** Not anyone of_ _whom I_have_sent_out to you_all, by him I_exploited you_ _all? **18** I_implored Titos and I_sent_with him the brother. Surely_not exploited you_all Titos? Not in_the same spirit we_walked not in_the same steps? **19** Already you_all_are_ _supposing that to_you_all we_are_defending? In_front_of **god** in **chosen_one/messiah** we_are_speaking. And the things all, beloved, because/for the of_you_all building are. **20** For/Because I_am_fearing, lest somehow having_come not such_as I_am_wanting, I_may_find you_all, and_I may_be_ _found by_you_all such_as not you_all_are_wanting, lest somehow strife, jealousy, rages, selfish_ambitions, slanders, gossips, conceits, disturbances, **21** lest again having_come of_ _me, will_be_humbling me the **god** of_me to you_all, and I_ _may_mourn many of_the ones having_previously_sinned, and not having_repented for the impurity, and sexual_ _immorality, and wantonness, which they_practiced.

13:1 Third time this I_am_coming to you_all. In of_two the_ _mouth witnesses and three will_be_being_established every message. **2** I_have_previously_said and I_am_previously_ _saying, as being_present the second time, and being_absent now to_the ones having_previously_sinned, and to_the rest all, that if I_may_come to the same again, not I_will_be_ _sparing anyone. **3** Because proof you_all_are_seeking ~~which~~ in me speaking of_**chosen_one/messiah**, who toward you_all not is_faltering, but is_able among you_all. **4** For/Because also he_was_executed_on_a_stake of weakness, but is_living by the_power of_**god**. For/Because also we are_faltering in him, but we_will_be_living with him by the_power of_**god**

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conceited. **8** Three times I begged the **master** that it might leave me **9** and he told me, "Is my grace good enough for you? My power reaches its conclusion through weakness." Therefore I'll quite gladly boast about my weaknesses so that the **messiah's** power can take residence in me. **10** So then I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults and hardships, in persecutions and distresses for **Messiah** because whenever I might be faltering, that's when I'm powerful.

Paulos's concerns about the believers there

11 You have forced me to become foolish, because I should have been commended by you all because I'm no less than those 'super missionaries' even if I am just 'nothing'. **12** Indeed, I persevered to deliver missionary results among you all, as well as signs, wonders, and miracles. **13** In what way were you all treated less than the rest of the assemblies, except that I didn't load you with any burdens? Forgive me for this mistake.

14 Now listen, I'm ready to visit you all for the third time and I won't be aiming to burden you down because I'm not after what you have, but rather my interest is in you yourselves. The children shouldn't be saving to support the parents, but the parents should support the children. **15** I'm happy to invest everything I have, including all of myself, for the sake of your souls. Am I being loved less the more that I love you all?

16 So that's that. I'm didn't burden you all, but being crafty by nature, I took you all by trickery. **17** Did any of those that I sent to you exploit you all? **18** I urged Titos to go there along with another believer. Surely Titos must have exploited you all? No, didn't we all do the same things as guided by the same spirit.

19 Now you're already supposing that we're defending ourselves? Actually, we're speaking as followers of **Messiah** knowing that **God** is watching, and dear friends, everything has been with the aim of building you up. **20** You see, I'm worried that when I come, I might not find you living how I'd want, and you all might not find me how you'd want. I'm worried that I might find strife and jealousy, anger and selfish ambition, slander and gossip, and conceit and disturbances. **21** I'm worried that when I come, **God** will humble me there with you all, and I might be upset about many who've sinned in the past and haven't repented from the impurity and sexual immorality and self-centred living that they practiced.

Testing yourselves

13:1 This is the third time that I'll be coming there to you all. 'Every account must be confirmed by at least two, preferably three, witnesses.'[39] **2** I said previously on my second visit and while I'm absent I'll say it again to those who sinned previously and to all the rest as well: if I come back to find the same again, I won't be sparing anyone, **3** because you're all wanting proof that I speak from **Messiah** who isn't incapable of handling you all but is quite able to do what he wants. **4** Although he was executed in weakness, now he's living by God's power. We also falter in him, but will be

39 RV 13:1 · Cross-ref. Deu 17:6; 19:15.

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living with him by God's power towards you all.

5 Test yourselves to check if you're living in the faith—you yourselves can decide that. Or can't you all recognise whether or not **Messiah Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) is living in you? Surely you're not that unqualified? **6** But I'm hoping that you all will know that we're not unqualified. **7** And we're asking **God** that you won't do evil—not so that we'll be seen to be approved, but so that you all will be doing good, even if we may seem unqualified, **8** because we're not able to do anything against the truth—only *for* the truth. **9** So we're glad whenever we falter, but you all might be quite capable as we also desire that you all grow to perfection. **10** I'm writing these things while I'm absent, so that when I'm present I won't have to treat you all severely according to the authority that the **master** gave me for building and not for tearing down.

Paulos's final greetings and prayer

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, stay happy, be prepared and be comforted, be united with each other and at peace. May **God** who's the source of love and peace be with all of you.

12 Greet each other with an innocent kiss.

The believers here send their greetings to all of you.[40]

13 May the grace of the **master Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) Messiah** and **God's** love and the holy **spirit's** companionship be with all of you.

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toward you_all. **5** Yourselves be_testing whether you_all_are in the faith, yourselves be_approving. Or not you_all_are_ _recognizing yourselves, that **chosen_one/messiah Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa)** in you_all, if surely_not unqualified you_all_are? **6** But I_am_hoping that you_all_will_be_knowing that we not are unqualified. **7** And we_are_hoping to ~~the~~ **god** not to_do to_you_all evil nothing, not in_order_that we approved may_be_seen, but in_order_that you_all ~~the~~ good may_be_doing, and we as unqualified may_be. **8** For/Because not we_are_being_able to_do anything against the truth, but for the truth. **9** For/Because we_are_rejoicing whenever we may_be_faltering, but you_all powerful may_be. This also we_ _are_hoping, the of_you_all completion. **10** Because_of this these things being_absent I_am_writing, in_order_that being_ _present not severely I_may_give_treatment, according_to the authority that the **master** gave to_me for building and not for tearing_down.

11 Finally brothers, be_rejoicing, be_being_prepared, be_ _being_comforted, the same be_thinking, be_being_at_peace, and the **god** of_ ~~the~~ _love and peace will_be with you_all. **12** Greet one_another with a_holy kiss. Are_greeting you_all the holy ones all. **13** The grace of_the **master Yaʸsous/(Yəhōshūʻa) chosen_one/messiah**, and the love of_ ~~the~~ _**god**, and the fellowship of_the holy **spirit**, with all of_ _you be.

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40 RV 13:12 · Note Some translations split this verse into two, so this sentence becomes v13 and our v13 becomes v14.