
2Co 5:14-15 For the love of Christ controls
concluded this, that one died for all, therefor
died; and He died for all, so that they who liv
no longer live for themselves, but for Him wh
and rose again on their behalf. 2Co 6:1-2 An
working together with Him, we also urge you
receive the grace of God in vain-- for He says
the acceptable time I listened to you, and on
of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "T
acceptable time," behold, now is "The day of
salvation" 2Co 12:9 And He has said to me,
grace is sufficient for you, for power is perf
weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rath
about my weaknesses, so that the power of
2 CORINTHIANS

Background

- Paul establishes church during 2nd missionary journey
- During 3rd missionary journey went to Ephesus
- Corinthians sent leaders to Paul about problems
- Paul responds with 1 Corinthians, also notifies them about collection for Jerusalem
- Problems persisted, so Paul visits Corinth and reprimands some ("painful visit")
- False teachers rise up, discredit Paul, and halt the collection
- Paul sends Titus to Corinth, and tells Corinthians he will visit them on the way to Macedonia and on the way back, but also encourages them start the collection again
- Paul later decides not to visit Corinth on the way to Macedonia
- Corinthians side with Paul and rebuke the false teachers
- Titus brings word to Paul in Macedonia. Paul raises large collection from Macedonia
- Paul responds with 2 Corinthians and sends Titus w/ others to prepare collection
- Paul visits the Corinthians and receives the collection

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2 Corinthians 8:16-23

"[16]But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus. [17]For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he as gone to you of his own accord. [18]We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches; [19]and not only this, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness, [20]taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; [21]for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. [22]We have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent because of his great confidence in you. [23]As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ."

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2 Corinthians 8:24-9:5

"[24]Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you. [1]For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints; [2]for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them. [3]But I have sent the brethren, in order that our boasting about you may not be made empty in this case, so that, as I was saying, you may be prepared; [4]otherwise, if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we – not to speak of you – will be put to shame by this confidence. [5]So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, so that the same would be ready as a bountiful gift and not affected by covetousness."

