

# 2 Corinthians

## CHAPTER 11

**1** Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me.

**2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

**4** For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

**5** For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

**6** But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.

**7** Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

**8** I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service.

**9** And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*.

**10** As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

**11** Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

**12** But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

**13** For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

**14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

**15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

**16** I say again, Let no man think me a fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.

**17** That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

**18** Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

**19** For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise.

**20** For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you*, if a man take *of you*, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

**21** I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

**22** Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I.

**23** Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

**24** Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.

**25** Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

**26** *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

**27** In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

**28** Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

**29** Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

**30** If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

**31** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

**32** In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

**33** And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.