

# 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-24

## PART IV

{Sunday, November 4, 2018 A.D.}

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### 2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

<sup>15</sup> For we are a fragrance of Christ to God . . .

<sup>5</sup> Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

<sup>6</sup> who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant. . .

### 2 Corinthians 8:10-12

. . . not only to do this, but also to desire to do it . . .

<sup>12</sup> For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

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### 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup> But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus.

<sup>17</sup> For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.

<sup>18</sup> We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches; <sup>19</sup> 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*,

<sup>20</sup> taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; <sup>21</sup> for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

<sup>21</sup> But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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*. <sup>24</sup> Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

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## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM – (1563)

**115. Why then doth God so strictly enjoin upon us the ten commandments, since in this life no one can keep them?**

**A.** First, that all our life long, we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so the more earnestly seek forgiveness of sins and righteousness in Christ; secondly, that we may continually strive, and beg from God the grace of the Holy Ghost, so as to become more and more changed into the image of God, till we attain finally to full perfection after this life.

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