

2 Corinthians 11:1-12:6

PART III
{Sunday, April 28, 2019 A.D.}

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

...⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ...

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

¹⁷ But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.

¹⁸ For it is not he who commends himself that is approved, but he whom the Lord commends.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹ And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

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

³ I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,

⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom,

but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

2 Corinthians 11:1-6

...⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. ...

2 Corinthians 11:7-15

...¹² But what I am doing I will continue to do,

so that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

¹⁴ No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

2 Corinthians 11:16-33

¹⁶ Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if *you do*, receive me even as foolish, so that I also may boast a little.

¹⁷ What I am saying, I am not saying as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. ¹⁸ Since many boast according to the flesh, I will boast also.

¹⁹ For you, being so wise, tolerate the foolish gladly. ²⁰ For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you, anyone devours you, anyone takes advantage of you, anyone exalts himself, anyone hits you in the face.

²¹ To *my shame* I *must* say that we have been weak by comparison. But in whatever respect anyone else is bold—I speak in foolishness—I am just as bold myself.

²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.
²³ Are they servants of Christ?—**I speak as if insane**—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. ²⁶ *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; ²⁷ *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

²⁸ **Apart from such external things**, there is the daily pressure on me of **concern for all the churches**.

²⁹ Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?

³⁰ **If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.**

³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, ³³ and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 12:1

¹ **Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.**

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Q. 123. What is the second petition?

A. Thy kingdom come. That is: So govern us by Thy word and Spirit, that we submit ourselves unto Thee always more and more; preserve and increase Thy Church; destroy the works of the devil, every power that exalteth itself against Thee, and all wicked devices formed against Thy holy word, until the full coming of Thy kingdom, wherein Thou shalt be all in all.

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