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FAKE VIEWS, NEWS & JEWS

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me. 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. **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.** 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*.

BOASTING TEACHERS

2 Corinthians 11:5-8 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things. Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking *wages of them*, to do you service.

FREELY GIVEN MYSELF TO YOU

2 Corinthians 11:9-11 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*. As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? **God knoweth.**

BOASTFUL BAD BISHOPS

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 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. For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 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.

WHO CAN BOAST THE MOST?

2 Corinthians 11:16-20 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. That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as it were **foolishly, in this confidence of boasting**. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise. 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.

WHO CAN BOAST THE MOST?

2 Corinthians 11:21-23 I speak as concerning reproach, **as though we had been weak.** Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so *am* I. Are they Israelites? so *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I. 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.**

BUFFETING BLOWS

2 Corinthians 11:24-27 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one. 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; *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; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

LOVE HURTS

2 Corinthians 11:28-33 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? **If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.** The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, **knoweth that I lie not.** In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

VISIONS & REVELATIONS

2 Corinthians 12:1-5 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. **I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.** I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, **I cannot tell**; or whether out of the body, **I cannot tell**: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third heaven**. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, **I cannot tell**: God knoweth;) How that he was **caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.**

APOCALYPSE NOW

- **REVELATIONS** = Strong's Greek Dictionary 602
 - **αποκαλυψις apokalupsis** *ap-ok-al'-oop-sis*
from 601; disclosure:—appearing, coming,
lighten, manifestation, **be revealed**, revelation.

THORNY PROBLEM

2 Corinthians 12:6-8 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but *now* I forbear, **lest any man should think of me above** that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. And **lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

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- **THORN**=Strong's Greek Dictionary 4647. **σκολοψ skolops skol'-ops** perhaps from the base of 4628 and 3700; withered at the front, i.e. a **point or prickle** (figuratively, a bodily annoyance or disability):—**thorn**.
- **MESSENGER**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 32. **αγγελος aggelos ang'-el-os** from aggello (probably derived from 71; compare 34) (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor:—**angel, messenger**.
- **BUFFET**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 2852. **κολαφιζω kolaphizo kol-af-id'-zo** from a derivative of the base of 2849; to rap with the fist:—buffet. [KJV Dictionary adds: **To beat in contention; to contend against. MW Dictionary states: MW Dictionary = 1: to strike sharply especially with the hand : CUFF 2: to strike repeatedly : BATTER 3: to drive, force, move, or attack by or as if by repeated blows**

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CURSE OF THORNS

Numbers 33:55 But if ye will not drive out **the inhabitants of the land** from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them *shall be* pricks in your eyes, and **thorns in your sides**, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

Ezekiel 2:6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, **though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.**

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

Acts 9:8-9 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus. **And he was three days without sight,** and neither did eat nor drink.

Galatians 4:15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, **ye would have plucked out your own eyes,** and have given them to me.

Galatians 6:11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

THE EYES HAVE IT

Acts 9:12-16 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, **that he might receive his sight**. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

THE EYES HAVE IT

Acts 9:17-18 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, **that thou mightest receive thy sight**, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith**, and arose, and was baptized.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Galatians 4:15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, **ye would have plucked out your own eyes**, and have given them to me.

Mark 9:47 And **if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out**: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

"O father, may all the gods hate me, **if I do not love you now more than my own eyes.**" - Terence, Adelphi, act iv., scene 5, ver. 67 (Dated **160 BC**- by the Roman African playwright **Publius Terentius Afer**)

ONE BIG LETTER

Galatians 6:11 Ye see how large a **letter** I have written unto you with mine own hand.

LARGE = G4080. πηλικος pelikos – used only here and in Hebrews 7:4 where it is rendered “**GREAT**”

Hebrews 7:4 Now consider how **great** this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

Hebrews 13:23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

Hebrews 13:25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen. Written to the Hebrews from Italy by Timothy.

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WRITING ON THE WALL

- **1 Corinthians 16:21** The salutation of *me* Paul **with mine own hand**.
- **Colossians 4:18** The salutation **by the hand of me** Paul.
Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen. Written from Rome to the Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.
- **2 Thessalonians 3:17** The salutation of Paul **with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write**.
- **2 Timothy 4:13** The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and **the books, but especially the parchments**.

AMAZING GRACE

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in **my infirmities**, that **the power of Christ** may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

AMAZING GRACE

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

GLORIOUS GRACE

2 Corinthians 4:13-16 We having the same spirit of **faith**, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; **Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you. For all things *are* for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.**

LOOKING PAST THE PAIN

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

TESTED AND TRIED

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- 1) **INFIRMITIES**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 769. **ασθενεια** *astheneia* *as-then'-i-ah* from 772; feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty:—disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.
- 2) **REPROACHES**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 5196. **υβρις** *hubris* *hoo'-bris* from 5228; insolence (as over-bearing), i.e. insult, injury:—harm, hurt, reproach.
- 3) **NECESSITIES**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 318. **αναγκη** *anagke* *an-ang-kay'* from 303 and the base of 43; constraint (literally or figuratively); by implication, distress:—distress, must needs, (of) necessity(-sary), needeth, needful.
- 4) **PERSECUTIONS**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 1375. **διωγμος** *diogmos* *dee-ogue-mos'* from 1377; persecution:—persecution.
- 5) **DISTRESSES**= Strong's Greek Dictionary 4730. **στενοχωρια** *stenochoria* *sten-okh-o-ree'-ah* from a compound of 4728 and 5561; narrowness of room, i.e. (figuratively) calamity:—anguish, distress.

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GRACE TO LIVE GODLY

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Who gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works

GRACE ENOUGH TO OVERCOME

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

-- How Firm A Foundation (J. Rippon)

- **Revelation 22:21** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

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