Bible Alive 365 – Day #338

2 Chorinthians 5-9

2 Corinthians 5:1-21 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: **3** If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. **4** For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. **5** Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. **6** Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: **7** (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) **8** We are confident, *I say,* and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. **9** Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad. **11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. **12** For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to *answer* them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. **13** For whether we be beside ourselves, *it is* to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause. **14** For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: **15** And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. **16** Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. **17** Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **18** And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 6:1-18 We then, *as* workers together *with him,* beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. **2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.) **3** Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: **4** But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, **5** In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; **6** By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, **7** By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **8** By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and *yet* true; **9** As unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; **10** As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things. **11** O *ye* Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. **12** Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels. **13** Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged. **14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with

unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? **15** And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? **16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them;* and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing;* and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 7:1-16 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **2** Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. **3** I speak not *this* to condemn *you:* for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with *you.* **4** Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. **5** For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears. **6** Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; **7** And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. **8** For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season. **9** Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. **10** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. **11** For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. **12** Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you. **13** Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. **14** For if I have boasted any thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus, is found a truth. **15** And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. **16** I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things.*

2 Corinthians 8:1-24 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; **2** How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. **3** For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves; **4** Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. **5** And *this they did,* not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. **6** Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. **7** Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also. **8** I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. **9** For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. **10** And herein I give *my* advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. **11** Now

therefore perform the doing *of it;* that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have. **12** For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not. **13** For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: **14** But by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality: **15** As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack. **16** But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. **17** For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. **18** And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches; **19** And not *that* only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of* your ready mind: **20** Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: **21** Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. **22** And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which *I have* in you. **23** Whether *any do enquire* of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren *be enquired of, they are* the messengers of the churches, *and* the glory of Christ. **24** Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: **2** For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. **3** Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: **4** Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. **5** Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness. **6** But this *I say,* He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. **7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give;* not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **8** And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things,* may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. **10** Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) **11** Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. **12** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; **13** Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men;* **14** And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. **15** Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.