

## 2 Corinthians 8

### Chapter 8

<sup>1</sup> **M**OREOVER, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

<sup>2</sup> How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

<sup>3</sup> For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

<sup>4</sup> Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> For *I mean* not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

<sup>14</sup> 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:

<sup>15</sup> As it is written, He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack.

<sup>16</sup> But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

<sup>17</sup> For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

<sup>18</sup> And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches;

<sup>19</sup> 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:*

<sup>20</sup> Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

<sup>21</sup> Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.