



# THE EVIDENCE OF CHRIST WITHIN

2 Corinthians 13:1-10

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**2 Corinthians 12:19** All this time you have been thinking that we are defending ourselves to you. *Actually*, it is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ; and all for your upbuilding, beloved.

<sup>20</sup> For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps *there may be* strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances;

<sup>21</sup> I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

## A Leader

**2 Corinthians 13:1** This is the third time I am coming to you. Every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

<sup>2</sup> I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again, I will not spare *anyone*,

<sup>3</sup> since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

<sup>4</sup> For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we shall live with Him because of the power of God *directed* toward you.

## A Person

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?

<sup>6</sup> But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test.

<sup>7</sup> Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we should appear unapproved.

<sup>8</sup> For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth.

<sup>9</sup> For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete.

<sup>10</sup> For this reason I am writing these things while absent, in order that when present I may not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me, for building up and not for tearing down.

## Two other exam passages

**Galatians 5:16** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

<sup>19</sup> Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

<sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup> Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

<sup>26</sup> Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

**6:1** Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

**1 John 1:1** What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life--

<sup>2</sup> and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

<sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

<sup>5</sup> And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

<sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

<sup>2</sup> and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

<sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

<sup>4</sup> The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

<sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

<sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.

<sup>8</sup> On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup> The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.

<sup>10</sup> The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

<sup>11</sup> But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

<sup>13</sup> I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

<sup>14</sup> I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.