

¹But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.²For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?³And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.⁴For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.⁵But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all.⁶Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.⁷So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.⁸Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.⁹For to this end also did I

write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.¹⁰To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;¹¹Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.¹²Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,¹³I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.¹⁴Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.¹⁵For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:¹⁶To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?¹⁷For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.