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OF THE GOSPEL



**THE ONE WHOM
THE LORD COMMENDS**

2 Corinthians 10:1-18

***I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ –
I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward
you when I am away! – I beg of you that when I am present I may not
have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing
against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh.***

– vv 1-2

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

– Matthew 11:28-29

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

– 1 Peter 2:23

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

— Matthew 5:5

“Meekness causes the believer to bear patiently those insults and injuries which he receives at the hands of his fellows, and makes him ready to accept instruction or admonition from the least of the saints, moving him to think highly of others than of himself. Meekness enables the Christian to endure provocations without being inflamed by them: he remains cool when others get heated.”

— A.W. Pink

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

– vv 3-6

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

– 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

– 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

“Before he called evil good and good evil, he substituted darkness for light and light for darkness, he substituted bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter – but now, when he is in difficulty about a moral question, he asks his Lord. Now, if pleasure tempts him, he judges whether it is sweet to his Lord. If a certain doctrine is stated, he weighs it not in the balances of his own thoughts, much less in scales of popular opinion, but asks, ‘What did my Master say? What would the Lord Jesus think of this?’ He suspends his own judgment for his Master’s judgment.”

– Charles Spurgeon

Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we. For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed.

— vv 7-8

I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters. For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is of no account." Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

– vv 9-12

***But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show
that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.***

– 2 Corinthians 4:7



**“It is only in the gospel of Jesus Christ
that you get the verdict before the performance.”**

— Tim Keller

But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence.

— vv 13-16

***“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”
For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved,
but the one whom the Lord commends.***

– vv 17-18

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

***“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”***

– Revelation 4:8

***“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”***

— Revelation 4:11

And they sang a new song, saying,

***“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”***

– Revelation 5:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

– Revelation 7:9-10

***Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.***

— Isaac Watts

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