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¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother: to the assembly of God at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ The God of good-words, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort / all strength;

⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles, so we may be able to comfort those in any trouble, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow in us, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

⁶ If we are afflicted, it is that your comfort and salvation endures: if we are comforted, it is for your comfort and salvation; producing in you the same patient endurance.

⁷ And our hope for you is firm, knowing, that as you share in the sufferings, so you will also share in the comfort.

⁸ For brothers and sisters, we do not want you ignorant of our trouble which took place in Asia, that we were overwhelmed – beyond our strength, so that we despaired of life itself:

⁹ indeed, we had received the sentence of death, that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead: / Paul lets us know they had been dragged by mob violence in Lystra to the edge of the town; having been mercilessly abused and left for dead – Acts 14:

¹⁰ He delivered us from such a terrible death, and He will deliver us. In Him we put our trust, that He will yet deliver us again;

¹¹ while you together help us through your prayers for us. Then many will give thanks for the gift that came to us through the prayers of many given for us.

¹² Indeed, this is our boast: the testimony of our conscience is that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially for you, in simplicity and good sense sincerity, not by human wisdom, but by the grace of God.

¹³ For we are writing nothing to you, other than what you can read and understand; and I trust you will understand completely;



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¹⁴ just as you have understood in part, -- that we are your reason for joy, even as you are our reason in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁵ And because of this confidence I planned to come to you at first, so you could have a second benefit;

¹⁶ to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and then come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my journey to Judaea.

¹⁷ Now when I planned this I was not vacillating, or was I? or what I hoped to do was wishful thinking, according to the flesh, and I was just indecisive: “yes, yes, and no, no”?

¹⁸ **But as God is faithful, our message to you was not yes and no.** / God's word is clear, Paul did not preach a confused message; there was no uncertainty to wade through.

¹⁹ **For the Son of God, Jesus Christ,** who was preached among you by us, by Silvanus, Timothy and me -- was not “yes and no”, **but always and only yes in Him.**

²⁰ **For all the promises of God in Him are the Yes,** therefore also,

in Him the Amen! to the glory of God through us. / Paul says, any promise we find that God made to His people, is available in the pool of things to go fishing for. To His people, His word is good; it is Yes and Amen to the one willing to launch out into the deep. God isn't playing games with His people..

²¹ **Now it is God** who established us with you in Christ, and has anointed us;

²² **He also put His seal on us, giving us the Spirit in our hearts.**

²³ So I call on God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth.

²⁴ I do not suggest that we lord it over your faith, but we are helpers for your joy: because you stand firm in your faith..

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