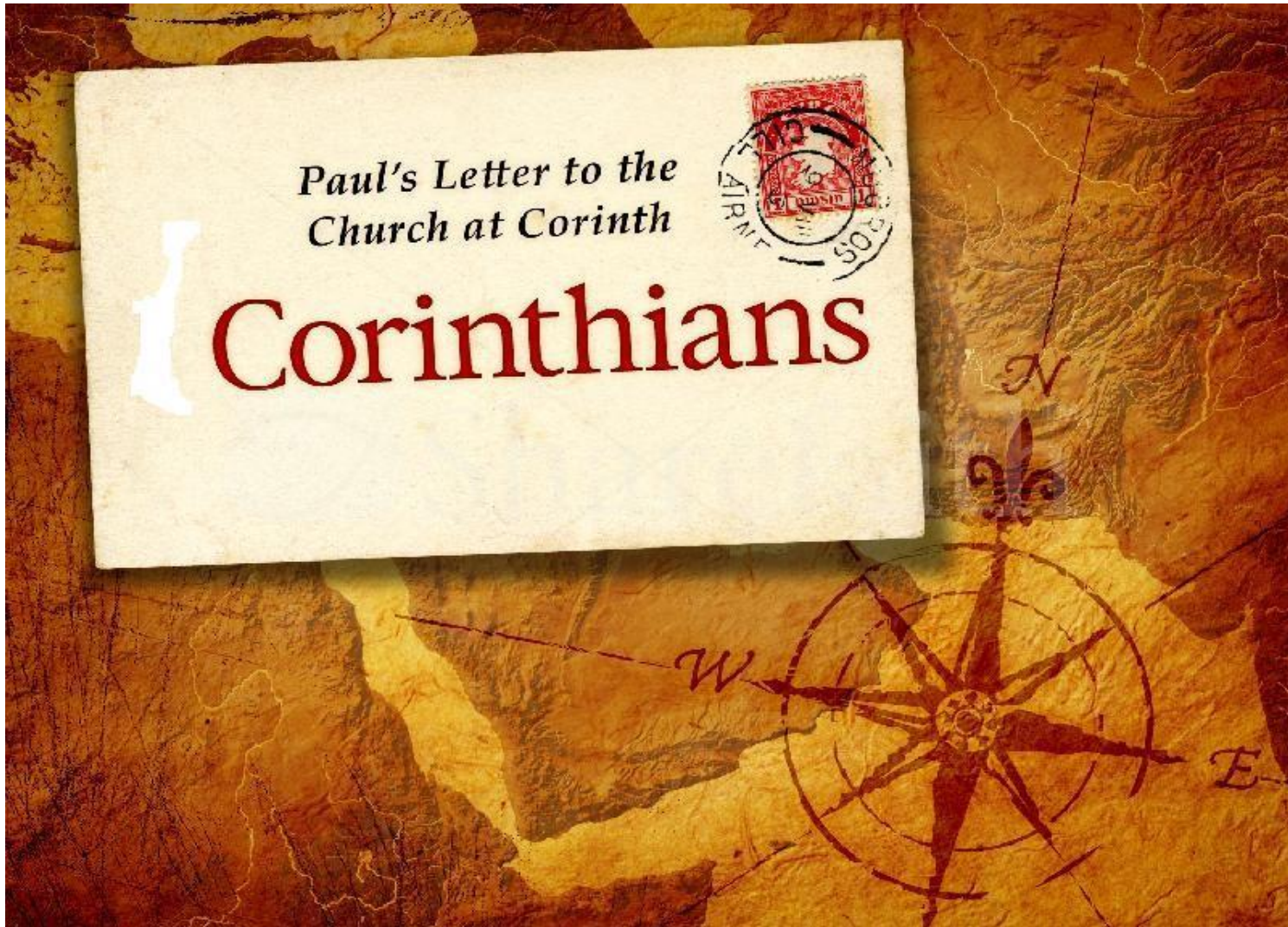


# 2 Cor 9:12-15 Superabounding Thanksgiving to God



# Outline\*



Giving of oneself and financially:

- is out from God's grace - 8:1-6
- is a proof of our love - 8:7-15
- is to the glory of God - 8:16-24
- is called a readiness of mind by Paul - 9:1-6
- is not grudgingly or out of necessity - 9:7-11
- is out from God's grace & sufficiency - 9:12-15

# v:8-9 God's Grace in the Context of Giving



And God is able

to make all grace  
abound to you,  
so that always  
having all sufficiency  
in everything,  
you may have an  
abundance for  
every good deed;

as it is written,  
"He scattered abroad,  
he gave to the poor,  
his righteousness  
endures forever."

<sup>8</sup> And God is able, to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;



**God is able** [*dynateō* - mighty, powerful] – present tense

- What “God is able” to do is described in v:8 and v:9.
- “God is able” is expressed in many verses:
- Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
- 2 Tim 1:12b for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.
- Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.



<sup>8</sup> And God is able, to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

to cause to abound all grace to you

Interlinear

to cause to abound - *perisseuō* - to make to abound, e.g., to provide a person richly so that he has an abundance [aorist, active] Vine

all<sup>1</sup> grace to you

- All of His grace is to [eis - into] you as a believer.
- It is a fact that God has taken this action toward you.

so that – with a purpose that

- Now He will tell us the purpose for this abundance of grace in this context.

<sup>1</sup> = *pas* – all, none excluded



<sup>8</sup> And God is able, to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;



always<sup>2</sup> having all<sup>3</sup> sufficiency in everything<sup>4</sup>

sufficiency - *autárkeia* - sufficiency with oneself [based on Christ sufficiency]

- This is His sufficiency not ours!
- Phil 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
- 2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.
- This sufficiency is in our Christian giving.

<sup>8</sup> And God is able, to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;



you may have an abundance [*perisseuō*]

- He has “made us to abound” [8a] so that we now “have an abundance” [8b] – present tense!
- We always need to remember that God is the One from whom everything we have comes. Constable
- We have an abundance because of His abundance.

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for every<sup>5</sup> good deed

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

<sup>5</sup> = form of *pas*

<sup>9</sup> [God is able] as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, his righteousness endures forever."



- Ps 112:9 supports Paul's point that God will provide grace (divine enablement) to givers. Constable
- Quote from Ps 112:9 – speaking about the actions of a righteous man

He scattered abroad,

- this is like the one from v:6 who sows bountifully Merryman

he gave to the poor,

- the giving of the necessity of life [i.e. sees his brother in need 1 John 3:17]

his righteousness endures forever.

- Phil 1:11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.



<sup>10</sup> Now the one supplying seed to the one sowing both will supply bread for food and will multiply the seed of you and will increase the fruits of the righteousness of you



Interlinear

- This verse reinforces v:8 and is a statement of fact in Christian giving.

Merryman

the one [God] supplying seed to the one sowing [believer]

supplying - *epichorēgeō* - to supply fully, abundantly present ten.

- Three aspects of God's provision in Christian giving:

1<sup>st</sup> - [God] will supply bread for food

- This is literal bread [necessity of life].\* – future tense

2<sup>nd</sup> - [God] will multiply the seed of you

- This is the resource to bless others.\* – future tense

\* Merryman

<sup>10</sup> Now the one supplying seed to the one sowing both will supply bread for food and will multiply the seed of you and will increase the fruits of the righteousness of you

Interlinear



**3<sup>rd</sup>**- [God] will increase the fruits of the righteousness of you

**fruits** - *genēma* - metaphorically, the fruits of righteousness (i.e., material ministrations to the needy), 2 Cor. 9:10.

- As we “walk by the Spirit” the fruit of the Spirit is being manifested in our lives [love, joy, peace ---].
- Merryman says the idea here is “righteous acts” and those acts have fruits.
- As we spend more time “walking by the Spirit” God can provide the increase.
- Phil 1:11a having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ

<sup>11</sup> you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.



[you] being enriched in everything to all generosity Interlinear

being enriched - *ploutizō* - in the passive, to be enriched, richly supply

followed by in everything [*en pantī*]

- meaning “in everything” or “in every way”

to all generosity

- 1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge. [aorist, passive]
- So now the believers have been enriched to all generosity!

<sup>11</sup> you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.



Starting with the last part of this verse, Paul will now focus on how grace giving is producing thanksgiving to God:

- As we sow bountifully, thanksgiving will be given to God.
- So our gift results in God being praised, not us!
- This also brings glory to God and not the giver.
- This is the culmination of God's eternal purpose as believers glorify God by their grace giving.

# Today's Verses



<sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

<sup>13</sup> Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

<sup>14</sup> while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

<sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.



For the ministry of this service

service - *leitourgía* - spoken of alms, i.e., public collections in the churches (2 Cor. 9:12).

- The collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem.

is – **doing two things!** (present tense)

**1<sup>st</sup>** - **fully supplying** [filling up] **the needs of the saints**

- The needs of the saints are presently being fully filled up by the ministry.
- Rom 15:25 but now I go to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints; <sup>26</sup> for Macedonia and Achaia have been well pleased to make a certain contribution for the poor of the saints who [are] in Jerusalem.

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<sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.



**2<sup>nd</sup>- overflowing [abounding] through many thanksgivings to God**

**overflowing** - *perisseuō* - of exceeding a certain number, or measure, superabounding, of the effect of a gift sent to meet the need of saints

- The effect of these gifts was also to bring an overflowing of thanksgiving to God.
- Paul viewed the benefit of their gift as spilling over onto others who would also praise God for the Corinthians' generosity.

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<sup>13</sup> Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,



Through the proof of this ministry glorifying God Interlinear  
proof - *dokimé* - proof of genuineness, trustworthiness

- Phil 2:22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.
- This [collection for the saints] is a specific proof of how God was being glorified.
- The Jerusalem believers and others who heard about the Corinthians' gift would glorify God because it demonstrated the vitality of the donors' faith. Constable

<sup>13</sup> Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,



on the basis of your submission [obedience] Interlinear

submission - *hypotagē* – lit: to order under,

- the idea is to line up under their head Jesus Christ

<sup>1st</sup> - to the confession of you to the gospel of Christ

confession - *homologia* - confession, by acknowledgment of the truth

- This verse gives a wider view of the gospel of Christ.
- All who confess the gospel imply that they follow the teachings of Jesus and His apostles who taught us to love the brethren.

Constable

<sup>13</sup> Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,



**2<sup>nd</sup>** - on the generosity of the contribution to them  
and to all men

Interlinear

- The Corinthians' obedience to Christ resulted in their generosity to the Jerusalem saints.
  - It also impacted other [all] believers.
  - Another reason these onlookers would thank God was that the Corinthians had been sacrificially generous (Gr. *haplotes*) in their giving.
- Constable
- Rom 12:6-8 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, --- if service, in his serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality (*haplotes*) ---



<sup>14</sup> while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

and [also] their [the Jerusalem saints] supplication for you

- This tells us that the Jerusalem saints were praying for the Corinthians.

having great affection - *epipotheō* - to long for greatly and to long after

- Phil 1:8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

for you [Corinthians]

- Paul foresaw that those who received it [the collection gift] and heard about it would reciprocate by interceding for the Corinthians. Constable

because of the surpassing [*hyperbollo*] grace of God upon you

# Final Thoughts\*



<sup>15</sup> Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

- This verse is a statement of overwhelming gratitude to God for His Son.

**indescribable** - *anekdiēgētos* – inexpressible, unspeakable

**gift** – *dorea* – freely given [without cost]

- Nothing can approximate what God has given.
- It is an unutterable gift, you cannot find words for it.
- The cross is the supreme example of grace giving.



“...do this, in remembrance of Me.”



## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this **in remembrance of Me.**" 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of Me.**" 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (495: 2)

Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow him there;  
Over us sin no more has dominion;  
For more than conqu'rors we are!

**Refrain:** (Twice)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

