

2 Corinthians 10

The Spiritual War

1 Now I, _____, myself am pleading with you by the _____ and _____ of Christ—who in presence am _____ among you, but being absent am _____ toward you. 2 But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that _____ by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the _____, we do not war according to the _____. 4 For the weapons of our _____ are not _____ but mighty in God for pulling down _____, 5 casting down _____ and every high _____ that exalts itself against the _____ of God, bringing every thought into _____ to the _____ of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all _____ when your obedience is _____.

Reality of Paul's Authority

7 Do you look at things according to the outward _____? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in _____, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's. 8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our _____, which the Lord gave us for _____ and not for your _____, I shall not be ashamed— 9 lest I seem to terrify you by _____. 10 "For his letters," they say, "are _____ and _____, but his _____ presence is _____, and his speech _____." 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in _____ when we are present.

Limits of Paul's Authority

12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who _____ themselves. But they, measuring themselves by _____, and comparing themselves among _____, are not _____. 13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the _____ which God appointed us—a sphere which especially _____ you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the _____ of Christ; 15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's _____, but having hope, that as your _____ is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, 16 to preach the gospel in the regions _____ you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of _____.

17 But "he who _____, let him glory in the _____." 18 For not he who _____ himself is approved, but whom the Lord _____.