

2 Corinthians 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

Analysis

For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge (οὐ γράφομεν ὑμῖν ἄλλ' ἢ ἃ ἀναγινώσκετε)—Paul insists on transparency: what he writes matches what they read *anaginōskete* (ἀναγινώσκετε) and acknowledge *epiginōskete* (ἐπιγινώσκετε). No hidden meanings.

And I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end—future *epignōse* the (ἐπιγνώσεσθε, "you will fully know") looks toward eschatological vindication. *Heōs telous* (ἕως τέλους, "until the end") could mean "completely" or "until Christ's return"—both.

Historical Context

Written around AD 55-56 from Macedonia after Paul's 'painful visit' to Corinth (2:1). The Corinthian church faced challenges to Paul's apostolic authority from 'super-apostles' (11:5) who valued eloquence over cruciform ministry. Paul writes to defend his ministry, explain his changed travel plans, and restore relationship with this fractious congregation.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. Is my communication characterized by transparency—do my words mean what they say?
2. How does trusting truth will be 'acknowledged to the end' free me from manipulation now?
3. What relationship requires me to speak plainly rather than expecting others to read between lines?

Interlinear Text

οὐ	γὰρ	ἄλλα	γράφομεν	ὑμῖν	ἄλλ'	ἢ	ἢ
none	For	other things	we write	unto you	than	or	what
G3756	G1063	G243	G1125	G5213	G235	G2228	G3739
ἀναγινώσκετε	ἢ	καὶ	ἐπιγνώσεσθε	ἐλπίζω	δὲ	ὅτι	καὶ
ye read	or	even	acknowledge	I trust	and	G3754	even
G314	G2228	G2532	G1921	G1679	G1161		G2532
ἕως	τέλους	ἐπιγνώσεσθε					
to	the end	acknowledge					
G2193	G5056	G1921					

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 4:2 (Parallel theme): But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Philemon 1:6 (Faith): That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.