

2 Corinthians 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Paul swears an oath with ultimate solemnity: *estin alētheia Christou en emoi* (ἐστιν ἀλήθεια Χριστοῦ ἐν ἐμοί, 'the truth of Christ is in me'). This genitive can mean truth about Christ, truth from Christ, or Christ's own truthfulness residing in Paul—likely all three. He stakes his apostolic integrity on this vow.

The future passive *phragēsetai* (φραγήσεται, 'shall be stopped/blocked') is emphatic—nothing will silence this particular boast. **This boasting** (kauchēsis hautē, καύχησις αὕτη) refers specifically to offering the gospel freely without charge. **Regions of Achaia** (southern Greece, including Corinth) specifies the geographical scope—Paul will maintain his policy throughout the province.

Why this fierce determination? Because free gospel proclamation embodied the message itself: God's grace cannot be purchased. False apostles who demanded payment contradicted the gospel with their methodology. Paul's refusal to accept support became a living sermon on grace and prevented his message from being discredited.

Historical Context

Achaia was the Roman senatorial province comprising southern Greece with Corinth as its capital. Paul's determination to maintain financial independence

throughout this region suggests the false teachers' influence extended beyond Corinth to other Achaian churches, requiring consistent witness through Paul's support policy.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does the method of ministry communicate the message—what does Paul's free service say about the gospel of free grace?
2. In what ways might modern ministry practices (paid membership, premium content, prosperity teaching) contradict the gospel message?
3. What 'boasting' would you swear by Christ's truth never to abandon because it embodies the gospel itself?

Interlinear Text

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is As the truth of Christ in me G3754 G3588 boasting of this
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Additional Cross-References

Romans 9:1 (Truth): I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

Acts 18:12 (Parallel theme): And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

Romans 1:9 (Parallel theme): For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

2 Corinthians 1:23 (Parallel theme): Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

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