

Because I included 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, and Romans in *The Jesus Secret I*, I am including only about half of each of these three in *The Jesus Secret II*. You will see that portions of those three books are missing here. All will be included, however, in the final Jesus Secret Version.

2 Corinthians I

1:1 Paul, an apostle or sent one of Christ Jesus through the desire of God, and Timothy our brother; to the church and assembly of God that is in Corinth, together with all the holy ones that are in the entirety of Achaia. 2 Grace to you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be, that is, we speak well of the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort and encouragement; 4 the one comforting and encouraging us in all our pressures of travail, inside and out, resulting in our being able to comfort those inside every pressure through the comfort and encouragement with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 Because, as the sufferings or passions of Christ abound into us, in just the same way, our comfort and encouragement also abound through Christ. 6 More than that, If we are pressed with travail, it is for the sake of your comfort and salvation. If we are called to encouragement, it is for your comfort, energizing inside the steadfastness of the same passions that we also suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm and certain, knowing that, as you share of the sufferings, so also you share of the comfort.

8 Indeed, we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, concerning our difficulties that happened in Asia, that we were weighted down excessively against our ability, so as even to despair in our desire to live. 9 But we possessed inside ourselves the sentence of death, that we should not be confiding upon ourselves, but upon God, the One who is raising the dead, the One who has delivered us from such a great death and will deliver us. 10 You also join together in help for our sakes by supplication, that out from many persons the gift of good speaking might be given into us for our sakes.

12 For our boasting is this, the testimony of our consciousness, that is, our knowing together, that inside of holiness and devotion and the clarity of God, and not in fleshly wisdom, but inside the grace of God, we have sojourned inside the world to be more abundant towards you. 13 Indeed, no other things we write to you, other than what you read or even acknowledge; I hope moreover, that you will acknowledge to all completion, 14 (as also you have acknowledged us in part), that we are presently boasting of you, even as you also are boasting of us now inside of the day of our Lord, Jesus.

15 And with this confidence, I intended previously to come to you, that you might possess a second grace, 16 and through you to pass on into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia, to come to you, and to be sent by you forward into Judea. 17 Therefore, did I use levity in my intention? Or what I intend, do I intend according to the flesh, that there should be with me, "Yes, yes," and "No, no?" 18 Moreover, God is faithful, that our word towards you was not "Yes and No." 19 Indeed, the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was proclaimed by us, that is, by me, Silvanus, and Timothy, to be among you, was not "Yes and No," but it has always been "YES" inside of Him. {Paul is using the contrast with the Old Covenant, a blessing and cursing covenant, and the tree of knowledge, good and evil together – to mark the difference of the tree of life, which is YES only.} 20 Indeed, as the many promises of God are inside of Him, as the "Yes" is also through Him, so also the [proclamation] "Let it be so – it is so" is connecting to God towards glory through us. 21 More than that, the One who is presently and actively

establishing us, that is, planting us firmly together with you into Christ, and who has anointed us, is God. 22 He is the One also who sealed us, having given us the down-payment of the Spirit inside our hearts.

23 I, however, call God as witness upon my soul, that to spare you is why I have not yet come to Corinth. 24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we are workers together with your joy; indeed, you presently and actively stand firm inside of faith.

2: 14 Moreover, good grace and thanks be to God, who always leads us in the triumphal procession inside of Christ, with the aroma of His knowledge being made visible through us in every place. 15 For of Christ we are a fragrance to God inside those being saved, and inside those still perishing; 16 to one, indeed, an aroma out from death into death [always the one death of Christ], to the other an aroma out from life into life. Who is sufficient for these things? 17 Indeed, we are not like the many, peddling the word of God, but as out of clarity, but as out of God, we speak before God inside of all the sphere of Christ.

3:1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we not need, as some, commendatory letters to you or from you? 2 You are our letter, having been written inside our hearts, being known and read by all humans. 3 It is fully made visible that you ARE a letter of Christ, with us under your service, having already been written, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God – not on tablets of stone, but inside tablets of hearts of flesh.

4 Moreover, we have such confidence through Christ towards God, that is, connecting always with God, 5 not that we are sufficient out from ourselves, to reckon anything as out of ourselves, but our sufficiency is always out of God, 6 who also has made us sufficient servants of a New Covenant, not of letter, but of Spirit; indeed, letter kills, but Spirit gives life.

7 Now, if the ministry of death, having been engraved in letters on stones, came into being inside of glory, to the extent that the sons of Israel were unable to look intently into the face of Moses, because of the glory of his face, if this ministry of death is annulled and rendered inoperative, 8 how much more the ministry of the Spirit will be inside of glory? 9 For if glory was in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of just innocence abounds in glory much more. 10 Since what was made glorious has not been glorified in this respect, that there is a glory far beyond it. 11 For if that which is annulled and rendered inoperative came through glory, then that which remains and abides is much more inside of glory!

12 Therefore, having such hope, we make use of great boldness of speaking, 13 not as Moses did, who put a veil upon his face so that the children of Israel would not look intently at the end result of that which is annulled and rendered inoperative, 14 for their minds were hardened. For until the present day, the same veil remains unlifted upon the reading of the old covenant, which veil itself is being annulled and rendered inoperative inside of Christ. 15 But unto this day, when Moses shall be read, a veil is set upon their heart. 16 However, if and whenever one shall have turned towards the Lord, the veil is stripped away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 We all, then, having been unveiled in face, are reflecting the glory of the Lord [to one another] as a mirror and are being transformed into the same image from glory into glory, just exactly as from the Spirit of the Lord.

4:1 Because of this, as this ministry belongs to us, just as we received mercy, so we do not become weary. 2 But we have renounced the secrets of shame, not walking inside of selfish or evil works nor ensnaring or corrupting

the word of God. We are making the truth visible and are establishing ourselves towards all the consciousness of men in the face and presence of God. 3 If, however, our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving inside of them so that they do not shine forth the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord and ourselves as your servants through Jesus. 6 For the God who said, "Out of darkness light shall shine" (Genesis 1:3), this same God shines inside our hearts towards the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God inside of the face and presence of Jesus Christ.

7 For we have this treasure inside of earthen vessels, so that the surpassing beyond-ness of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are being hard pressed in every way, but not restricted; being at a loss, but not being utterly at a loss. 9 We are always being put to flight, but not being left behind; being cast down, but not being utterly cast down. 10 We are always carrying the death of Jesus in our body, so that the life of Jesus should also become visible inside of our body. 11 For we the living are always being handed over or traded into death through Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be made visible inside of our mortal flesh. 12 So then, death [the one death of Jesus] energizes inside of us, but life energizes inside of you.

13 Possessing, however, the same Spirit of faith, according to what was written: "I believed, therefore I have spoken" (Psalm 116:10), we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that the One having raised up the Lord Jesus, will also raise us up together with Jesus and will prove us and cause us to stand together with you. 15 For all things are through you, so that grace having abounded more and more through the eucharist, the thanksgiving, the speaking of good grace, may increase and abound into the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not become weary or lose heart; but if indeed our outward man is decaying, yet our inner man, that is, our inner self is being renewed, that is, the completing of a process, day by day. 17 For our momentary and easy to bear pressure of travail within and without is working out for us a far surpassing beyond-ness into far surpassing beyond-ness, that is, an unending excessiveness of the weight and substance of glory. 18 We are not looking at or regarding the things being seen [by outward appearance], but we are looking at and regarding the things not being seen [the substance of God]. For the things being seen are temporary, but the things not being seen are age-unfolding.

Now, as you continue reading Chapter 5, keep ever in mind that Paul is continuing to speak entirely out from the profound reality he described in 4:6-7. Nothing in the next chapter is found outside of the reality of those two verses, which are the full expression of the surpassing beyond-ness of the glory in which we live.

5:1 For we know that if our earthly dwelling, this tent, should perish, we already possess a house out of God, a house not made by hands, a house age-unfolding inside of the heavens. 2 And indeed, inside of this reality we groan with great pressure and grief, longing to be clothed with our dwelling-place out of heaven. 3 If indeed also, having been clothed, we will not be found poorly clothed. 4 And so, being inside of this tent, we groan with great pressure of travail and grief, being weighted down, not that we desire to be unclothed [lose our physical bodies] but to be clothed, that what is dying may be swallowed up, drunk down and consumed by LIFE. 5 The One having now prepared us, that is, having achieved and worked out already for this same thing is God, having given to us the earnest payment of the Spirit, the security of the whole. ^[1]

6 Always showing confidence and good courage, therefore, and being aware that, if we identify ourselves inside of the dying

1 Referring directly back to the house we already possess inside the heavens, our spirit, now one Spirit with Christ.

2 Paul is not speaking here of geography – we CANNOT be "absent" from the Lord, neither is heaven and earth two separate "places," rather, he is speaking of identity. Note: Paul is using Greek idioms, here, familiar to the Greek Corinthians. Idioms cannot be translated directly for their meaning is not in the literal words.

body, we are not identifying ourselves as from the Lord; 7 for we walk through faith, not through sight. 8 We show confidence and good courage, now, and are well-pleased, rather to identify ourselves out of the dying body, and to identify ourselves towards the Lord. ^[2]

9 Therefore, we also love being well-pleasing to Him, wherever our identity might be. 10 For it is necessary for all of us to be visible in the face of the judgment seat of Christ, that we may carry the things each performs through the body, whether good or evil. 11 Knowing, therefore, the fear of the Lord, we persuade men to God having been made visible [inside the face of Christ]. And I hope that we are made visible inside of your consciousness as well.

12 Again, we are not commending ourselves to you, but are giving an occasion to you to boast on our behalf, so that we may possess an answer towards those boasting inside of appearance, and not inside of the heart. 13 For if we are out of our minds, it is to God; or if we are of sound minds, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ holds us together, having concluded this, that if One has died for all, then all have died. 15 And He died for all, that those living should no longer themselves live, but rather the one having died and having been raised again for their sakes [in trade, life for life]. ^[3] ^[4]

16 Therefore, from now on, we do not perceive or identify anyone according to the details of the flesh. Though even Christ we have known according to the details of the flesh, yet now we know Him in that way no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is inside of Christ, he is a New Creation. The old things are already gone; look and see, the New has already become. 18 And all things are out of God, the One who has already reconciled and reconnected us to Himself through Christ, and has given to us the ministry or service of reconciliation and reconnection, 19 how that God was inside of Christ reconciling and reconnecting the world or cosmos to Himself, not counting to them their false steps, that is, their disconnection from God, and [this same God] has set forth and placed inside of us the Word of reconciliation and reconnection with God.

3 Paul is referring directly to what he will formulate as Galatians 2:20 just a few weeks after writing this letter – not I, but Christ. More than that, this reference to Christ, not I is the same thing Paul is saying about our identity (not geography) while still in these mortal bodies.

4 Notice, now as you continue reading, how this whole passage of several chapters has become one meaningful and integrated whole. Paul is not jumping from one topic to another, but everything in these chapters is all regarding the same reality or transformation into glory, expressed in several different ways.

20 For the sake of Christ, therefore, we are ambassadors as God Himself encouraging and inviting through us. We deeply desire for the sake of Christ: Be reconciled, connect yourself back [through faith] to God. 21 For He made the One who never once knew any disconnection from God, to take upon and into Himself that disconnect for us, for our sakes, so that we might become the just innocence of God inside of Him.

It is clear to me that splitting Paul's letter into chapters has broken apart his gospel into unintended little pieces inside the minds of readers from the Geneva Bible (Calvinist) from 1560 until now. For that reason, you should continue reading this as one whole thought, basically from Chapter 2, verse 14, through to and including Chapter 7, verse 1, after which Paul reverts back to his earlier discussion of people and places.

6:1 As synergeioing [with God], we also encourage you not to receive and welcome the grace of God into emptiness. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time, I listened to you, and inside a day of salvation, I helped you" (Isaiah 49:8). Behold, now is the time of favor and of good welcome; behold now is the day of salvation.

3 We are placing nothing, no obstacle for anyone, so that the ministry [of reconciliation] should not be faulted, 4 rather in everything, we are establishing ourselves as God's servants and ministry, inside of great endurance, inside of the pressures of travail, inside of compelling need, inside of great difficulties, 5 inside of beatings, inside

of imprisonments, inside of riots, inside of toil, inside of sleeplessness, inside of fasting; 6 inside of purity, inside of knowledge, inside of longsuffering, inside of kindness; inside of the Holy Spirit, inside of genuine love; 7 inside of truthful word, inside of the power of God; through the instruments of righteousness to the right hand and to the left; 8 through glory and disgrace, through bad report and good report. We are as deceivers leading astray, and yet true; 9 as being not-known and yet being exactly known or acknowledged; as dying, and yet look and see – we live; as being disciplined, and yet not being put in danger of death; 10 as being distressed, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 Our mouth has been opened to you, Corinthians, our heart has been enlarged. **12** You are not limited or restrained in us, you are limited and restrained, however, in your own inward parts and emotions. **13** Now, as if I speak to children: Be enlarged also in the same proportion as we are.

14 Do not become unequally yoked to unbelievers; for what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light towards darkness? **15** What harmony or agreement has Christ with vile wickedness, that is, with Satan? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16** What alliance has the temple of God together with idols? For we are the living temple of God, as God has said, “I will dwell inside of them, and I will walk about among them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people” (Ezekiel 37:26-27). **17** Therefore, “Come out from the midst of them and be separate and marked off by boundaries,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing impure, and I will welcome and receive you (Isaiah 52:11). **18** And I will be Father into you, and you will be sons and daughters into Me,” says the Lord All-Carrying (2 Samuel 7:14). **7:1** Possessing therefore these promises, beloved, we should cleanse ourselves from every defilement or lack of flesh and spirit, completing holiness inside of the fear of God.

10:1 Now I myself, Paul, encourage you through the gentle strength and sweet reasonableness of Christ, who is indeed humble inside of you as to appearance, and, even though I am absent, I am confidently cheerful regarding you. **2** I request of you now, while not being present, to be confidently cheerful regarding the confidence with which I reckon to be daring toward some who consider us as walking according to the flesh. **3** For we do walk inside of the flesh, but we do not wage war according to the flesh. **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but are God-able towards the tearing down of fortresses, **5** overthrowing arguments, and every high thing or barrier lifting itself up against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into submission to hearing Christ **6** inside of your possession of readiness to dispense justice to all who hear amiss, even when your own submission to hearing has been made full.

12:1 It is fitting for me to boast, but it is not profitable. I will continue, however, to visions and revelations of the Lord. **2** I am aware of a man inside of Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in or out of the body, I do not know, God knows), such a man was seized into the third heaven. **3** And I am aware of such a man (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), **4** that he was seized into Paradise and he heard inexpressible words that are not permitted to man to speak. **5** For such a man I will boast; for myself, however, I will not boast, except in weaknesses. **6** For if I should want to boast, I would not be a fool; for I would be speaking truth. I refrain, however, lest anyone should credit to me more than what he sees in me or hears of me from anyone.

7 Therefore, so that I should not become arrogant in the beyond excessiveness of the revelations and the unveilings, a thorn in flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, that he might strike me so that I should not become arrogant. {Never think that this deliverance from arrogance is anything other than the wondrous gift of God. That’s why we get excited when awful pressures hit against us, for we know that God is keeping us.} **8** For this, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for

you, for My power is brought to full perfection and completion inside of your weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will boast inside of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest, dwell, spread as a tent over, and abide upon me. 10 Therefore, I take pleasure inside of weaknesses, inside of insults [*hubris* – the hard actions of bullies against me], inside of hardships and constraints, inside of persecutions and being attacked; inside of distress and anguish, for the sake of Christ; for when I might be weak, then I am strong.

13:1 I am coming this third time to you. “In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word will be established” (Deuteronomy 17:6). 2 I have spoken clearly and continue to speak clearly, as if being present the second time, though absent now, that those having fallen short before, and all the rest, that if I come to the same people again, I will not spare anyone. 3 Since you seek a proof inside of my speaking Christ, who into you is not weak, but is fully capable inside of you. 4 For He was crucified inside of weakness, yet He lives out of God’s power. For we also are weak inside of Him, but we will live together with Him out of God’s power into you.

5 Test yourselves, whether you are inside of the faith; prove yourselves. Or do you not acknowledge to yourselves that Jesus Christ is inside of you, that is, if you are not fake? **6** I hope now that you will know that we are not fake.