

The God Of All Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-24

Key Verse: 1:3,4

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort....”

God Comforts Us (1-11)

1. Who wrote this letter and to whom? (1) How did Paul become an apostle? How did Paul greet the church and what does this mean?

2. For what reasons does Paul praise God? (3) What does the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" mean? (1 Pe 2:20-21; 4:13) How does this relate to "the Father of compassion," and "the God of all comfort"? What do these mean to the Corinthians, to Paul and to us? What attitude should we have when we are in trouble? (4)

3. Through Christ, what overflows in our lives? (5) How was Paul's suffering related to the Corinthian believers? (6-7) What is the meaning of their sufferings?

4. How much had Paul suffered in the province of Asia? (8,9a; Ac 14:19; 19:23-41) What did Paul learn through this suffering? (9b) What assurance and hope could Paul have through this event? (10) For what was Paul thankful? (11)

In Christ, Always Yes (12-24)

5. Of what does Paul boast? (12) What was the source of his holiness and sincerity and why did he mention them? (13-14)

6. What was Paul's plan to visit Corinth and why? (15-16) What did the Corinthians think about Paul when he didn't follow his original plan? (17) On what basis did Paul change his plans? (18-20)

7. In what respect are God's promises "yes" in Christ? (20; Mt 26:39; Jn 17:4; Jn 15:10b) How did Paul follow Jesus' example? What does "Amen" mean? What attitude should we have toward the will of God?

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8. What did God do for both Paul and the Corinthians? (21-22) Why did Paul remind them that it was God who was working among them? Based on this, how did Paul defend himself and help their faith? (23) What principle of Paul's ministry can we learn here? (24)