

# L1: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7: The God of All Comfort

## Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize/2 Cor. Intro.

- 2 Corinthians like 1 Corinthians is corrective and instructive
- Paul brings up former issues that continue to persist and go deeper into things that were briefly brought up.
  - Sufferings (1 Corinthians 4:8-13)
  - War (1 Corinthians 4:8-13, 15:30-34, 16:9)
  - Spirit - New Testament (spirit) (1 Corinthians 2:6-16)
    - Romans 7:6, 8:5, 26-27

## Sermon Preview:

- Theme
  - Sufferings of Christ
  - Comfort by Christ

## Sermon:

**(2 Corinthians 1:1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:**

- "Achaia" - region of which Corinth is a city

**(2 Corinthians 1:2) Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

- "Grace and peace" - constant reminder of our justification unto eternal life

**(2 Corinthians 1:3) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;**

- "Blessed be God" - to set apart or consecrate to holy purposes
  - "even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"
  - "the Father of mercies" - deliverance, provision in suffering and trials
    - 2 Sam. 24:14
    - Neh. 9:19, 27-28, 31 (Ps. 106:7)
    - Ps. 6:4
    - Ps. 77:9
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- Can be used in the context of sin because we need to be delivered, or in the context of sufferings
- **"the God of all comfort"** - to strengthen the mind when depressed or enfeebled, relieve from trouble
  - Relief from pain; ease; rest or moderate pleasure after pain
  - Relief from distress of mind; the ease and quiet which is experienced when pain, trouble, agitation or affliction ceases

**(2 Corinthians 1:4) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.**

- **"who comforteth us in all our tribulation"**
  - Not ease and quiet experienced when pain, trouble, agitation or affliction, but rather relief from distress of mind when in tribulation.
- **"that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble"**
  - God comforts Paul and Timothy in all tribulation to have Paul and Timothy comfort them which are in any trouble.
    - God given ability to comfort in tribulation
    - Comfort in any trouble

**(2 Corinthians 1:5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.**

- **"for"** - further explanation and amplification
- **"as the sufferings of Christ abound in us"**
  - Romans 8:17, 35-37
  - Romans 12:14
  - 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
  - 1 Corinthians 15:30-32
  - **"abound in us"** - 2 Tim. 3:12
    - Godliness abounds in Paul and Timothy
    - Evident in 1 Corinthians
- **"so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ"**
  - If you can see the sufferings of Christ abound in Paul, then they have consolation by Christ.

- In other words, the only way they can go through the sufferings of Christ abundantly is because the consolation abounds by Christ.

**(2 Corinthians 1:6) And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.**

- **"And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation"**
  - 1 Corinthians 15:29 - not identified in suffering for the dead, but for those that are alive in Christ
    - Paul's sufferings for others sakes
      - Acts 9:16
      - Gal. 6:14
      - 2 Cor. 4:12, 15
      - Col. 1:23-24
      - 2 Tim. 2:7-13
  - **"consolation and salvation"**
    - 2 Tim. 3:10-12
    - Rom. 15:5-7
- **"which is effectual"** - the best means for the matter being considered
  - The consolation and salvation are not effectual of removal from, but -
  - "in the enduring" - to last, to continue in the same state without perishing; to support without breaking or yielding to force or pressure; to bear with patience
    - Col. 1:9-11
- **"of the same sufferings which we also suffer"**
  - The suffering is the same suffering as Paul, according to godliness
- **"or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation."**

**Summary:**

- The suffering is for the Corinthians consolation and salvation
- The comfort is for the Corinthians consolation and salvation

**(2 Corinthians 1:7) And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.**

- **"and our hope of you is stedfast"**

- Hope of them enduring the sufferings by the consolation
- **"knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings."**
  - Much has changed from when Paul wrote 1 Cor. 4, 15
- **"so shall ye be also of the consolation."**
  - Paul has a stedfast hope that they will partake in the consolation to endure the tribulations, because they are partaking of the sufferings.

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**