

L3: 2 Corinthians 1:15-24: Promises of God in Christ

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Father of mercies, God of all comfort
 - Sufferings of Christ
 - Consolation by Christ
- Their trouble in Asia
 - Sentence of death
 - Deliverance from so great a death
- Help in prayer
 - Gift of deliverance inwardly
 - Answers prayers consistent to His provision and word

Sermon Preview:

- Ye and we rejoicing
- Paul's confidence, mind, and purpose to come to them
- Paul's confidence not according to the flesh, but in Christ
 - The reason he didn't come

Sermon:

(2 Corinthians 1:14) As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

- Philippians 2:1-3
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19

(2 Corinthians 1:15) And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

- **"and in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before"**
 - **"this confidence"** - they acknowledged him, but only "in part"
- **"that ye might have a second benefit;"**
 - Romans 1 - edification, establishment
 - Romans 15 - fulness
 - 1 Cor. 2 - wisdom among them that are perfect

(2 Corinthians 1:16) And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of

Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

- Detail of his purpose to come to them
 - **"to pass by you into Macedonia"**
 - **"to come again out of Macedonia unto you"**
 - **"of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea."**

(2 Corinthians 1:17) When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

- **"When I therefore was thus minded"**
 - Had confidence in that they rejoiced in Paul in part
- **"did I use lightness?"**
 - Fickle, wavering, not firm, no weight, quality of mind disposed to be influenced by trifling considerations
 - Gravity
 - The heart of the matter:
 - **"or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh"**
 - Paul's decision would not ultimately be upon his own confidence, but in Christ
 - 1 Cor. 4:18-21
 - **"that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?"**
 - Paul's purpose was sincere and simple - no duplicity
 - In suffering
 - In not coming

(2 Corinthians 1:18) But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

- **"But"** - adverse conjunction, it wasn't insincere or without thought
- **"as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay."**
 - All Paul spoke to them
 - Suffering and coming
 - It was as true and God's is true
 - Matt. 5:37; Jas. 5:12

(2 Corinthians 1:19) For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

- :19-20 further explain and amplify - Explanation of Validity of His Purpose
 - **"for the Son of God, Jesus Christ"** - stress importance of the origin of his decision
 - **"who was preached among you by us"** - 1 Cor. 2
 - **"was not yea and nay"** - the things Paul taught were true and truth
 - **"but in Him was yea"** -

(2 Corinthians 1:20) For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

- **"for all the promises of God in Him are yea"**
 - **"and in Him Amen"**
 - **"unto the glory of God by us"**
 - Christ preached among them is true and unto the glory of God
 - Paul's decision not to come is in Christ unto the glory of God

(2 Corinthians 1:21) Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

(2 Corinthians 1:22) Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

- **"Now"** - conclusion of sorts
 - "He which stablisheth us with you in Christ" - is God
 - "hath anointed us" - is God
 - "who hath also sealed us" - is God
 - "given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts" - is God
 - **"stablisheth"** - Edification
 - **"anoint"** - authority - (1 Cor. 4:1-2, Gal. 1:10, 1 The. 2:4)
 - **"sealed"** - provision of comfort
 - **"earnest"** - basis of comfort (2 Cor. 5:1-5, Eph. 1:11-14, Php. 1:

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

- **"Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul"**
 - Romans 1

- "yea, in Christ"
- Gravity
- **"that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth"**
 - His decision in Christ
 - What changed? - decision based upon the glory of God in Christ in accord with his authority to edify

(2 Corinthians 1:24) Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

- **"not for that we have dominion over your faith"** - Paul doesn't have dominion over their faith, that isn't why he didn't come, to spare
 - 1 Cor. 4:18-21
- **"but are helpers of your joy"** - (1 The. 2:13)
- **"for by faith ye stand."** - not in the wisdom of men, but in God (1 Cor. 2)

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize