

“COMFORTED SO YOU CAN COMFORT”

(2 Corinthians 1:1-7)

Introduction: ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. THE PROVIDER OF COMFORT

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

II. THE PURPOSE OF COMFORT

^{4a} who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

III. THE POWER OF COMFORT

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. ⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

IV. THE PROMISE OF COMFORT

⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

CONCLUSION: