

The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient Greek temple, likely the Temple of Apollo in Corinth. The scene is filled with massive stone columns and intricate carvings, including acanthus leaves and geometric patterns. The sky is a clear, bright blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is a decorative, symmetrical geometric pattern in a light, shimmering color. This pattern consists of interlocking lines forming a central square with four pointed corners, surrounded by concentric, stylized arches and lines that create a complex, crystalline structure. The text '2ND CORINTHIANS' is centered horizontally and partially overlaid by this decorative element.

2ND CORINTHIANS

Don't Lose Heart!

2nd Corinthians 4:16-18

Chapter 4 Reasons to lose heart

- Persecution
- Being hunted down and surrounded by enemies
- Being beaten down and thrown down
- Constant suffering and trials
- Not seeing the fruit of suffering

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 NKJV

[7] But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. [8] We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 NKJV

[10] always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

[11] For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 4:12-13 NKJV

[12] 12 So then death is working in us,
but life in you. [13] And since we have
the same spirit of faith, according to
what is written, "I believed and
therefore I spoke," we also believe and
therefore speak,

2 Corinthians 4:14-15 NKJV

[14] knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. [15] For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Christians Promised Suffering

[12] Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

2 Timothy 3:12

(Ps 34:19, 119:71; Jh 16:33; Lk 14:27; Jm 1:12; Col 1:24; Phil 3:10; Rev 21:4; 1 Pet 4:1, 5:10; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17;)

Purpose found in suffering:

- For the Glory of God
- Personal Sanctification
- The spreading of the gospel
- God's strength shown to be perfect in human weakness

Christians Promised God's Faithfulness

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:18

(Deut 31:6; Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5-6; Rom 8:31-39; 1 Thes 5:24; 2 Thes 3:3; 2 Tim 2:11-13; Phil 1:6; Ps 23; 34:4-5; Jh 14:27; Lk 12:32; 1 Jh 4:18)

James 1:2-4 NKJV

[2] My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

[4] But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 NKJV

[16] Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. [17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJV

[18] while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Galatians 6:9 NKJV

[9] And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1 NIV

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

[2] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3-4 NIV

[3] Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. [4] In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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Revelation 21:1-2 NKJV

[1] Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. [2] Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:3-4 NKJV

[3] And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. [4] And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:5-6 NKJV

[5] Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” [6] And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

Revelation 21:7 NKJV

[7] “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”



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