

2 –GOD'S COMFORT IN PAIN (2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11)

I. Introduction (2 Corinthians 1:1-2)

A. The Writer (2 Corinthians 1:1a)

- The writer identifies himself as the apostle Paul.
- Paul points out that he was an apostle by the will of God.
- Timothy is his companion.

B. The Recipients (2 Corinthians 1:1b)

- The letter is addressed to the church or assembly at Corinth.
- The letter is also addressed to the saints in Achaia.

C. The Salutation (2 Corinthians 1:2)

- Paul gives the standard greeting of grace and peace.

II. Thanksgiving for God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-11)

A. God's Comfort in Our Lives (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

1. The Praise for the Comforter (2 Corinthians 1:3)

- He praises God for Jesus.
- He praises God for His mercy.
- He praises God for His comfort.

2. God's Comfort Toward Us (2 Corinthians 1:4a)

- God extends comfort in the midst of our tribulations.
- Tribulation is also translated as troubles, anguish or distress.

3. The Purpose of God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:4b)

- Comfort is not solely intended for the recipient.
- Comfort is intended to be shared with others who suffer too.

4. The Scope of God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:5)

God's Abundant Grace: Second Corinthians

- Just as the sufferings we endure abound, the comfort of God abounds even more.

5. The Purpose of Paul's Suffering (2 Corinthians 1:6)

- As Paul endured his suffering and is comforted, he is able to encourage them.

6. Paul's Hope (2 Corinthians 1:7)

- Paul had a hope that just as they endured suffering, they would enjoy comfort.

B. Paul's Affliction (2 Corinthians 1:8-11)

1. Paul's Life-Threatening Experience (2 Corinthians 1:8-9a)

- Paul reminds his readers that he was almost killed for the gospel.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-3

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

2. Paul Acknowledges God's Grace (2 Corinthians 1:9b-10a)

- Paul points out that God had rescued him from calamity.

3. An Answer to Intercessory Prayer (2 Corinthians 1:10b-11)

- Paul points out that his rescue was God's answer to their prayers.