OUR DELIVERER

2 CORINTHIANS 1:1-11

Introduction

(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:

saint = a holy thing or person

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

I. Our Deliverer's Comfort

(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;

comfort = solace, consolation (Mounce) It comes from a word that means to call to one's side.

(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.

Many think that when God comforts us, our troubles should go away. But if that were always so, people would turn to God only out of a desire to be relieved of pain and not out of love for him. We must understand that being "comforted" can also mean receiving strength, encouragement, and hope to deal with our troubles.

The more we suffer, the more comfort God gives us. If you are feeling overwhelmed, allow God to comfort you. Remember that every trial you endure will help you comfort other people who are suffering similar troubles. (LASB)

This is a comfort we can't keep to ourselves!

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

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(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.

I. Our Deliverer's Comfort

II. Our Deliverer's Conflict

(2 Corinthians 1:8) For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

Acts 19:23-35 Demetrius the silversmith.

1 Corinthians 15:32 Fighting with beasts.

(2 Corinthians 1:9) But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

I. Our Deliverer's Comfort

II. Our Deliverer's Conflict

III. Our Deliverer's Continuance

(2 Corinthians 1:10) Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

(2 Corinthians 1:11) Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

gift = a favour with which one receives without any merit of his own.

A gift of God's free grace.

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- RECEIVE GOD'S COMFORT AND USE IT TO COMFORT OTHERS.
- LOOK TO GOD DURING TROUBLES.
- KEEP TRUSTING GOD BECAUSE HE WILL KEEP ON DELIVERING!