

New Life Community Church Lifeline Notes
2 Corinthians Series: “When Times Get Tough”
“The God of All Comfort”
(2 Corinthians 1:1-7)

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

The Corinthian Correspondence

LETTER A- (a missing letter calling for Biblical separation- referred to in 1 Corinthians 5:9)

LETTER B- (1 Corinthians- written in 53-54 AD about 3 years after Paul’s 18 month visit)

LETTER C- (missing, a ‘severe’ letter calling for repentance)

LETTER D- (2 Corinthians, written 55-56 AD)

Paul’s Apostleship, Associate and Audience (2 Corinthians 1:1; 1 Cor 15:8-9; 2 Cor 10:8; 12:19; 13:10)

Paul’s Worshipful Greeting (2 Corinthians 1:2)

I. The _____ of All Comfort

1. A _____ - _____ comfort (1:3; Romans 12:1; Philippians 2:1; Colossians 3:12; Hebrews 10:28))

B. A _____ comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3; Micah 7:18-19, Isaiah 40:1; 51:12; 66:13; 49:15-16; Luke 15:20-24; John 5:18; John 20:17; Matthew 4:1,11; Romans 8:32)

C. A _____ Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3; Hebrews 4:15; 5:2; John 14:16)

D. A _____ (2 Corinthians 1:3; John 14:16; Acts 9:31; Psalm 46:1)

II. The _____ of Our Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:4)

A. God _____ the depth of human suffering (Revelation 5:12; affliction (thlipsis)- John 16:33; 16:21; Acts 11:19; 1Cor 7:28; Psalm 119:67; 1 Thess 3:3-4; Isaiah 53; Matthew 26:38-39; Matt 20:23)

III. The _____ of God's Comfort (2 Corinthians 1:4; Romans 8:35-39)

IV. The _____ of Our Comfort (2 Cor 1:4b; Colossians 1:24; Philippians 3:10-11)

1. He uses them to bring a greater revelation of Himself _____you,

2. He uses them to do a work _____you (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

**3. To do a work _____ you for others
There is a correspondence between the
comfort we receive from God and that which
we are able to minister to others.**

**4. Making the _____ a comforted comforting
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V. The _____ of Our Comfort (1:5)

VI. The _____ Effect of His Comfort (1:6; Romans 5:3-5)

Summary:

The Triune God is the _____ of all comfort (v.2-3)

All possible afflictions are within the _____ of God's comfort (1:4a)

All afflictions are equally matched with the _____ of God's comfort (1:4a)

All afflictions have _____-to reveal God to us, to do a work in us and through us

To draw us closer to God and closer to His people (to bless and be blessed)

God's comfort is _____, so we need not turn to _____ - _____

He makes us an assured community of comforted comforters- sharers of His comfort (v7)