

Study 1

Read 2 Corinthians Chapter 1

SUMMARY

Paul is joined by Timothy as he begins this epistle with greetings to the church in Corinth, and to all the brethren in Achaia (1-2). A feature common in Paul's epistles is to start with a few words of praise and/or thanksgiving, and in this epistle he includes both. He first praises God for the comfort offered through Christ in the midst of tribulation, and expresses his confidence that both the sufferings and comfort he receives because of Christ can work to the benefit of the brethren at Corinth (3-7). He then informs them of the wonderful deliverance God provided in Asia (perhaps referring to the "Diana incident" in Acts 19:23-41), telling them their prayers were instrumental as well, and that this will lead many people to give thanks (8-11).

Paul's first order of business after his salutation and thanksgiving is to offer a defense of his integrity. He begins with a profession of sincerity and simplicity, both in his conduct and his writing, and then reminds them that they will have good reason to "boast" in each other when Christ comes (12-14). Evidently his sincerity had come in question because Paul had made a change of plans concerning his visit to them.

Therefore he explains that his change was not due to fickleness, but as God and His promises in Christ are trustworthy, so is Paul, for God has anointed and sealed him with the Holy Spirit (15-22). With God as his witness, Paul states that his change of plans was an effort to spare them. This is not to suggest Paul exercises some sort of domination over them, for he considers himself as a fellow worker for their joy (23-24).

Questions:

- 1) Of whom was Paul an apostle? (II Corinthians 1:1)

- 2) To whom besides Corinthians is this second letter addressed? (II Corinthians 1:1)

- 3) What is the relation between God and Christ? (II Corinthians 1:3)

- 4) How extensive was Paul's consolation from God? (II Corinthians 1:4)

- 5) For what purpose did God comfort Paul in all tribulation? (II Corinthians 1:4)

6) What two things abounded in Paul? (II Corinthians 1:5)

7) Paul's hope of the Corinthians was steadfast. He knew as they were partakers of sufferings they would also be partakers of what? (II Corinthians 1:7)

8) Paul wrote the Corinthians of the trouble in Asia being so great that he despaired of what? (II Corinthians 1:8-9)

9) When Paul despaired of his life in Asia he trusted not in himself. In whom did he trust? (II Corinthians 1:11)

10) In what way were the Corinthians of help to Paul when he feared for his life in Asia? (II Corinthians 1:12)

11) State the kind of sincerity Paul professed? (II Corinthians 1:12)

12) By what was Paul's conversation regulated? (II Corinthians 1:12)

13) Who was more abundantly considered in Paul's conversation in the world? (II Corinthians 1:12)

14) How were Paul's writings received by the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 1:13)

15) Unto what day was the mutual rejoicing of Paul and the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 1:14)

16) To what country did Paul plan to go as he passed through Corinth? (II Corinthians 1:16)

17) Name 2 people besides Paul who preached Jesus in Corinth. (II Corinthians 1:19)

18) In whom are all the promises of God “yea” and “Amen?” (II Corinthians 1:19-20)

19) Who does Paul say makes us sure (stableth), with you and hath appointed us? (II Corinthians 1:21)

20) According to Paul God seals us. What does God give in our hearts as a guarantee of all he has for us? (II Corinthians 1:22)

21) Paul wrote the Corinthians he had no dominion over their faith but were what of your joy? (II Corinthians 1:24)

22) How did Paul “spare” the Corinthians? (II Corinthians 1:23)

23) When Paul wrote the Corinthians he had no dominion over their faith but are helpers of your joy and what did the Corinthians stand by? (II Corinthians 1:24)

1) What are the main points of this chapter?

- 2) Who joins Paul in writing this epistle? (1)

- 3) What two groups of people does Paul address in his salutation (1)

- 4) How does Paul describe the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? (3)

- 5) What is the proper use of comfort we receive from God? (4)

- 6) What two things abound in Christ? (5)

- 7) Where had Paul experienced some trouble? How serious was it? (8-9)

- 8) What had worked together with God in providing deliverance? What other effect did it have? (11)

- 9) In what could Paul "boast"? (12)

- 10) What could Paul and the brethren in Corinth look forward to boasting in, when Christ comes again? (14)

- 11) What appears to be the reason Paul's integrity was in question? (15-17)

- 12) Paul professes that his word is as faithful as what two things? (18-20)

13) What assurances does Paul offer that he is faithful? (21-22)

14) Why had Paul changed his plans about coming to Corinth? (23)