

2 Corinthians Chapter 1

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Points in Chapter 1

1. Salutation and thanksgiving (1-11)
2. Paul defends his integrity (12-24)

1A. How does Paul describe himself?

1. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

2 Corinthians 1:1

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and Timothy *our* brother, To the church of God which is
at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

1. B. Where does Paul get his authority?

1. Commission giving to the Apostles

A. Matt. 28: 18 – 20

B. Acts 1: 7 – 8

2. Paul's Authority

A. **By the will of God** – 1Cor 1: 1. 2Cor 1: 1, Col. 1: 1, 2Tim.1: 1

B. Acts 9: 1 – 18, Acts 22: 6 – 15, Acts 26: 12 - 18

2. How does Paul describe God the Father?

2 Corinthians 1:2-3

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

2 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

2. How does Paul describe God the Father?

1. God provides grace and peace
2. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
3. Father of mercies
4. God of all comfort
5. God is faithful

2. How does Paul describe God the Father?

1. God is the source of the believer's call (v.1).
2. God is the source of brotherhood among believers (v.1).
3. God is the source of the church and of all saints (v.1).
4. God is the source of grace and peace (v.2).

3. What is the proper use of comfort we receive from God?

1. Comforts us in all our affliction
2. We will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction

2 Corinthians 1:4

⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

3. What is the proper use of comfort we receive from God?

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

4. What two things abound in Christ?

1. Sufferings
2. Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:5

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

4. What two things abound in Christ?

Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed **we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.**

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ **"I have been crucified with Christ;** and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

5. What troubles did Paul encounter in Asia?

2 Corinthians 1:6-9

⁶ But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

⁷ and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

⁹ indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

5. What troubles did Paul encounter in Asia?

1. Stoned in Iconium (Acts 14: 5)
2. Forbidden to speak in the Galatian region (Acts 16: 6)
3. Mob violence at Ephesus (Acts 19: 24 – 41)
4. Imprisonments, beatings, dangers from robbers and countrymen (2Cor. 11: 23 – 27)

6A. What had work together with God in providing deliverance?

Prayers

2 Corinthians 1:11

¹¹ **you also joining in helping us through your prayers**, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the **favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many***.

B. What other effect did it have?

You also joining in helping us through your prayers

7. In what could Paul boast in vs. 12?

Paul had a clear conscience that his conduct in the world was with simplicity and godly sincerity.

2 Corinthians 1:12

¹² For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

8. What could Paul and the brethren in Corinth look forward to boasting in, when Christ comes again?

1. We are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:13-14

¹³ For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end;

¹⁴ just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus

9. What appears to be the reason Paul's integrity was in question?

Paul had changed his plans to visit them.

2 Corinthians 1:15-17

¹⁵ In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a blessing;

¹⁶ that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea.

¹⁷ Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no *at the same time*?

10. Paul professes that his word is as faithful as what two things?

1. As God is faithful

2. As God's promises are in Jesus Christ

2 Corinthians 1:18-20

¹⁸ But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

²⁰ For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

11. What assurances does Paul offer that he is faithful?

1. Established us with you in Christ
2. Anointed us in God
3. Sealed us in God
4. Gave us the Holy Spirit as a pledge

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

²² who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

12. Why had Paul changed his plans about coming to Corinth?

1. Spare them

2 Corinthians 1:23-24

²³ But I call God as witness to my soul, that to **spare you** I did not come again to Corinth.

²⁴ Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.