

2nd Corinthians Chapter 1

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Chapter 1. As Paul opens this letter, it appears he is explaining his inability to keep a planned visit. However, he justifies what happened as the direction of God. He reinforces his position with the church as one standing in the gap for them with Christ and pleads that they share with him as he shares with Christ. He describes sufferings and comfort in his work and walk with the Lord. And enlist the same endurance in suffering with him and a promise they will receive the same comfort he has from the Lord.

Verses 1-2: Opening salutation from Paul and Timothy. Not just to Corinth but to all in Achaia. Now this letter speaks to all in Christ.

Verses 3-7: First honor is always to God our Father, Jesus our Saviour/King and the Holy Spirit our Comforter/Teacher. Yet the emphasis is on how God comforts through a blessed assurance in our hearts that is a benefit of our faith in God. Paul states that much of what he was experiencing was on behalf of his work for them. For they are the true benefactors of his labor.

Verses 8-11: Paul shares some of his hardships stating that the church should know what he is doing and the hardships associated with it. That they should share in them as well as his successes. Still, know that during pain and suffering, he still has the joy and comfort of the presence of the Lord. And they will have the same.

Verse 12-17: Paul states that he is confident he has acted in the Lord and not of his own account nor profit. Yet these actions he cannot boast, but the increase of God in the Saints he can boast. This boasting is not bragging but commending and encouraging. All that being said, now let me explain my deviation.

Verses 18-22: Paul goes to a lengthy discourse to explain he is not a hypocrite. But God ordered his steps against his plans. We can make our plans but must surrender to God's will.