

## **2 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 2**

### **(1:1-14)**

#### **II. SALUTATIONS WITH PRAISE FOR COMFORT (1:1-14)**

- A. Paul's salutation to the saints (v. 1-2)
  - 1. Grace and peace
  - 2. From our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
  
- B. Paul's comfort from God beneficial to the saints (v. 3-7)
  - 1. The Father of Mercy is also the God of comfort
  - 2. Paul's comfort in Christ in suffering allows him to comfort others when they suffer.
  - 3. Those who are partakers of Christ's sufferings also are partakers of Christ's comfort.
  
- C. Paul's burdensome experience necessitates dependency upon God (v. 8-11).
  - 1. Experience in Asia
  - 2. Weighed down beyond one's power helps Paul trust in God.
  - 3. The help of prayer
  
- D. Paul's basis for boasting (v. 12-14)
  - 1. Our holy behavior in God's grace – not in fleshly wisdom
  - 2. Paul's hope the saints will glory in Him as He will glory in them in the day of Christ.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Were the saints in Corinth the only ones to whom this letter was written?
- 2. From whom did Paul receive his comfort and how did this affect the saints?
- 3. When did Paul despair of life?
- 4. What did such despair cause Paul to do?
- 5. What power does Paul see in prayers of his brethren?
- 6. In what could Paul glory?