

Lesson 1

2 Corinthians 1:1-24

- **Questions**

1. How did Paul describe himself (1:1)?
2. How did Paul describe the church at Corinth (1:1)?
3. What greeting did Paul give to the church (1:2)?
4. What was Paul's state of mind at the beginning of this epistle and how did he describe God (1:3)?
5. What did Paul say that God did for himself and Timothy and why (1:4)?
6. What did Paul say comes with suffering (1:5-7)?
7. What happened to Paul and his companions when they were in Asia and what was the result (1:8-9)?
8. What did God do for Paul and his companions (1:10)?
9. What did the Corinthians do for Paul and his companions (1:11)?

10. How did Paul and his companions behave themselves in person and in writing (1:12-13)?

11. What was Paul's glorying or boasting (1:14)?

12. What was Paul's confidence and why did he want to come to Corinth again (1:15-16)?

13. What did Paul deny doing in his plans and in his preaching (1:17-18)?

14. Who preached at Corinth with Paul (1:19)?

15. How did Paul describe God (1:20)?

16. What four things did God do for Paul and his companions (1:21-22)?

17. What was the real reason for Paul's change in plans in postponing his trip to Corinth (1:23; see also 2:1)?

18. What relationship did Paul and others have with the Corinthians and how did they stand fast (1:24)?

• Digging Deeper

1. When did Paul write 2 Corinthians, where was he, and what was he doing (1:1-2)?
2. What do the words “apostle”, “church”, and “saints” mean (1:1)? What relationship does “Achaia” have with Corinth (1:1)?
3. What is Paul’s signature salutation in all his epistles (1:2)? Can you list the other places where this statement is found in the NT?
4. How is God the “Father” of Jesus (1:3)?
5. What is one way that God comforted Paul (1:3-7; see 7:5-7)?
6. How did the “sufferings of Christ” abound unto Paul and others (1:5)?
7. Where is Asia located on a map and where in the book of Acts do we read about Paul’s “affliction” there (1:8)?
8. What day is the “day of our Lord Jesus” (1:14)?
9. What is the “second benefit” (1:15)?
10. Where are Macedonia and Judaea located on a map (1:16)?

11. Who were Silvanus and Timothy (1:19)?

12. How are Christians “sealed” (Eph. 1:13; 4:30) and what is the “earnest of the Spirit” (1:22; see 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Christians assembled together are a “church of God” because they come from God and belong to God (1:1). Who persecuted the “church of God” (Gal. 1:13) and who takes care of the “church of God” (1 Tim. 3:5)?

2. God comforts us, so that we can comfort others (1:3-4). How is God described (Rom. 15:5)? What does God use to comfort people (Acts 9:31; 16:40; Rom. 15:4)?

3. God can use affliction to work good things in our life (1:3-11). What good was caused by the affliction of Job, Joseph, Jesus, and Paul?

4. Christians need to live a life of holiness and sincerity (1:12). How is holiness achieved (2 Cor. 7:1; Eph. 4:24; 1 Thess. 3:13; Heb. 12:10)? How can sincerity be shown (1 Cor. 5:8; 2 Cor. 8:8)?

5. God is faithful and trustworthy (1:18). Who is to be faithful and trustworthy besides God (1 Cor. 4:2; Eph. 6:21; Rev. 2:10, 13)?

6. Christians need to stand fast in their faith (1:24). What will standing fast cause a Christian to do (1 Cor. 16:13; Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 2 Thess. 2:15)?