

**“THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD’S MERCIES -
to COMFORT You & TEACH You VALUABLE LESSONS
in All Your TRIBULATIONS”
(2 Corinthians 1:1-12)**

The INTRODUCTION & GREETING of 2 CORINTHIANS (1:1-2)

- Who is the author? _____,
- What is his authority?} **an** _____.
- How did this happen? _____,
- Who is his associate? _____.
- What is his relationship? our _____
- Who is Paul’s audience / recipients?} _____ {Matthew 16:18} which is at CORINTH with all the _____ who are at ACHAIA.” (1:1b)
- What conditional blessings does Paul desire for them? “_____ to you and _____, from {who?} _____ and the _____. (1:2) What about the Holy Spirit?

A. GOD’S _____ ARE SUFFICIENT TO _____ YOU & TEACH YOU VALUABLE LESSONS IN ALL YOUR _____. (2 Cor.1:3-12)

- What does God want to do for you in your trials? (1:3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
- How is God the Father described here? (1:3)
- What must you remember in your trials & what response should this solicit? We need to remember _____ our God is, that He has a _____ for our lives, and that our _____ and _____ need to be on Him which should result in _____ to Him for His sovereignty, faithfulness, mercy, and grace.
- Who does God want to comfort in this passage? (1:4a)
- When or how often does God want to comfort you? (1:4b)
- Does God’s desire to comfort you apply if the trial you are in is self-induced or divine discipline? (Dan. 9:9; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9-10) _____ - when we turn to Him by faith in confession of sins to God to walk again in the light. (Dan. 9:9; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9-10)
- What are some of the purposes of God in comforting you beyond your personal comfort? (1:4c-7)
- Must you go through the exact same trial as someone else to be used of the Lord to help them? (1:4)

- How exactly does God comfort us?
 - 1) _____ (2 Cor. 1:8-10)
 - 2) _____ (1:11)
 - 3) _____ (7:1-7,13)
 - 4) _____ (Job 23:10; Ps. 119:150,67,71,92)
 - 5) _____ (Jn 14:16-17)
- Is there a place to share your trials with others? (1:8a)
- Does a godly walk exempt you from trials?
- How might God allow a severe trial in your life to work together for good? (1:8b)
- What is a valuable lesson that God is seeking to show you about yourself through your trials? (1:8c)
- Is it possible that some trials may even lead to physical death? How should we respond? (1:8d; Psalm 23:4, 6; 90:12; 2 Cor. 5:8-10)
- What does God want to teach you regarding your object of faith in your difficulties? (1:9)
- Will God deliver you from your trials? (1:10; 2 Tim. 4:16-18)
- What is one way that you can help others in their trials? (1:11a) What can you learn from this?
- What should all this result in? (1:11b)
- What was the key to Paul's conscience toward God and conduct to others in trials & ministry? (1:12)
- What should your responses be in light of these truths ... as a believer in Christ?
 - (1) You need to stop _____ on your trial and start focusing on & praising your _____ and His plan & purposes for you.
 - (2) You need to stop trusting in _____ and start trusting in the _____ which is one of the great blessings that come from trials which serve to strengthen our faith, not weaken it.
 - (3) You need to embrace the truth that while there are various sources for trials, there is only one Ultimate Source of comfort who is called - the Father of _____ and the God of all _____.
- ... as a lost sinner yet without Jesus Christ as Savior? (1 Peter 3:18)