

## *A Pause to Ponder*

Series: 2 Corinthians  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4  
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- Paul is outworking the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through the gospel of Christ as spoken by the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ in his letter to the church at Corinth. *Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord* (Jeremiah 9:23-24).
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is God's methodology to destroy human \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 29:14), human \_\_\_\_\_, and human \_\_\_\_\_. In the gospel of the cross, the Messiah becomes our wisdom, wealth, and power in order that *he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord* (1 Corinthians 1:31; 2 Corinthians 10:17).
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 1:3) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:3) are due to the Lord in the midst of our \_\_\_\_\_. God-Father is \_\_\_\_\_ and always lifts up our spirit with \_\_\_\_\_ strength and \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement, to the same \_\_\_\_\_ of our *troubles* (the same sufferings that Christ endured and was delivered).
- God-Father \_\_\_\_\_ God-Son towards the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cross. He \_\_\_\_\_ Him by God-Spirit, both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Christ Jesus led Paul into His sufferings and by His Spirit sustained and delivered Paul. Therefore, every believer is \_\_\_\_\_ of the same grace given.
- The purpose in our troubles is not only to behold the outworking of His resurrection power but also to destroy our trust in human \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Our Lord's purpose is to move all our \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and not for us to seek alternative \_\_\_\_\_ and solutions.
- \_\_\_\_\_, not complaint or carnal schemes, is *the way* the church of Christ can participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ of ministers and in one another.
- The church and each individual member are to \_\_\_\_\_ (delightful boasting) in any and all \_\_\_\_\_ of the grace of God, as *seen* in Christ Jesus.
- Paul's conscience in the face of his detractors testified that there were no \_\_\_\_\_ motives present and that these motives were \_\_\_\_\_. He did *all things for the \_\_\_\_\_ up of the church* of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 14:26b; 2 Corinthians 1:6; ex, 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4).

*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf* (1 Peter 4:12-16).