

2 Corinthians 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Paul's second letter to Corinth)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: (God chose Paul to minister) (The saints are the Elect)

² Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Jesus Christ – God in the flesh)

³ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; (God's Holy Spirit is the Comforter) (One God - many offices; not three Gods)

(EXAMPLE: one man can be a father, son, uncle, brother, etc; one man many offices)

⁴ Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (While God is comforting us, HE makes it possible for us to comfort others who need it)

⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. (The more you suffer in the name of Christ, the more He will comfort you)

⁶ And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. (When Paul suffered, it was for teaching salvation to the people) (Back then, it was Jews and Romans who persecuted Christians; today it is atheists, muslims, and Hindus)

⁷ And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. (God rewards those who stand for him)

⁸For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: (They were persecuted for preaching the Word of God. They thought that they wouldn't live through it)

⁹But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: (They put their fate in God's hands)

¹⁰Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; (This requires faith in God)

¹¹Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. (The people prayed for their safety)

¹²For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. (not with fleshly wisdom = not with wisdom in the ways of the world)

¹³For we write none other things unto you, that what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; (What they read from God's Word; not "enhanced" by traditions of men)

¹⁴As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus. (The Lord's Day – the Millennium) (The believers were happy to see Paul, but the unbelievers were not)

¹⁵And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit; (Paul wanted to return to bless them again)

¹⁶And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

¹⁷When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay? (Yea and nay – ruling by precedent as in the court system; precedents were being “set up” by preachers. They are not the Word of God... i.e. Adam and Eve eating an apple, Easter, etc... The Word of God never changes, regardless of what precedents preachers try to establish)

¹⁸But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. (Discern according to God’s Word, not by society and the “established norms” of society such as political correctness. Example – homosexuality is a sin, not a life style. If they call you a bigot for that, ignore them and move on. Abortion is about murder of the baby, not about the “woman’s rights”. If you tell people the truth, they just might wake up and open their spiritual eyes)

¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. (God’s Word is definite and explicit. It never changes. You can count on it)

²⁰For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. (Amen= that’s that; not open to argument)
Isaiah-23:46

²¹Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; (Jesus is God, in the flesh. Jesus is one of God’s offices, not His “son”. God begat Himself in the flesh through Mary, to offer us salvation in our flesh life)

²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. (earnest = a down payment; i.e. earnest money on a real estate purchase) (God has made a down payment on our souls as it relates to salvation)

²³Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth. (I call God to witness for me, that I cannot come to Corinth at this time. God wants you to correct the problems that are arising in your church)

²⁴Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand. (Not to lord over you, but to help you find your salvation, now that you have been taught)

(These Corinthians fell to gossip, denominations, fake preachers and all the other "church" related BS. A good example of churches today)