

## Encouragement When Suffering II Corinthians 1:1-11

### ch 1-6 burdens of apostleship

1:6, 8

2:1, 4

3:1, 3, 12

4:1

5:11

6:3-4

### 1:1-11 **READ**

vs 1

*“an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God”*

apostle by God's choice (emphasis)

II Tim; Eph; Col *“by the will of God”*

I Tim *“according to the commandment of God”*

Rom *“called to apostleship”*

Gal 1:1 *“not from man”*

not Philipp, Thess, Philem, Heb

repeats apostleship at 12:12 (double-emphasis)

only here in II Cor

greetings from me and Timothy

I Cor = Paul and Sosthenes

*“saints”*

*hagios* = *“awful”* (inspiring awe, otherworldly)

vs 2

*“grace and peace”*

in all of Paul's 13 letters (incl Heb)

Num 6:22-27

grace = *charis* = *“kindness”*

*charisma* = gift of grace I Cor 1:7

peace = *eirene* = *“to join”*

vs 3

*"Father of mercies ..."*

Grk "pity"

*"God of all comfort"*

context = "encourage" (1:6 *"patient enduring"*)

Grk "strengthen" (*parakletos*)

advocate I Jn 2:1

aid Heb 2:18

helper Jn 16:7

2:7 *"encourage the repentant sinner"*

7:4 *"I am encouraged by you"*

13:11 *"be encouraged"*

vs 4

*"Who comforts us in all our affliction"*

*"with the comfort with which"*

God's gift to the one to be shared w/ others

comforts us so we'll know how to comfort others

1. *"able"* = we'll know how

2. *"with"* = we'll have the resource to

3. *"all", "any"* = we'll be ready

vs 5

1. *"just as"*

assumed, expected

Acts 9:16 *"how much he must suffer for My name"*

12:10 *"for Christ's sake"*

I Pet 2:20b-23 *"called to suffering"*

II Tim 3:12 *"all who live godly"*

Jn 16:33 *"you will have tribulation"*

Ps 34:19 *"many"*

Ps 119:67-68, 70-71, 75 *"good for (and to) me"*

2. *"sufferings of Christ"*

why assumed, our heritage Jn 15:18-27, II Tim 3:12

Philip 3:10 *"the fellowship of His sufferings"*

3. *"ours in abundance"*

Paul and other apostles suffered much

Prov 24:16 *"righteous falls seven times"*

7:5 *"afflicted on every side"*

4. *"so also"*

the amount

abundant suffering but also abundant strengthening

5. *"through Christ"*

the source

of both the suffering and the strengthening

encouragement when suffering

vs 6

we suffer for...

1. *"your encouragement"*

the encouragement we receive in suffering we can pass on to you

2. *"your salvation"*

Paul afflicted to establish and nurture Corinthian church

11:28 constant concern for the church

3. *"your growth"*

*"which is effective in the patient enduring"*

Paul encouraged even more w/ church endures

*"endurance"* Job (Js 5:10-11)

7:6-7 *"but also by"* this comfort comes when you endure

vs 7

*"our hope for you is firmly grounded"*

seeing you suffer patiently gives us hope that you are His

*"as you are sharers"*

we know God will encourage you as He has us

vs 8

*"don't want you to be unaware"*

maybe you're not aware of the suffering I am talking about

*"beyond our strength"*

I came to the end of myself

*"despaired even of life"*

it took the risk of death to do this

ministry hardships include opposition

vs 9

*"not trust in ourselves"*

this affliction to teach us trust

*"in God Who raises the dead"* remember Abraham?

vs 10

*"Who delivered us and will deliver us"*

He did it once and He will do it again

repeats at end of verse

yet more affliction to be expected

*"on Whom we have set our hope"*

i.e. our eyes were not on life but on Him

vs 11

*"helping us through your prayers"*

you were a part of our deliverance

God delivered us through your prayers