

2 Corinthians 1.

Read the chapter. Paul's suffering, for the sake of the gospel, is for our benefit. Verse 6: *And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation... Our Father comforts us in our tribulations that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

2 Corinthians 2.

Read the chapter. Let me tell you a story. For several years we had a person malign us. They (spouse consent) would say awful lies about us; then I saw the spoken lies happen to them as they judged, they were judged. We met again. Each time they were in heaviness--Paul said you and I rejoice in each other. We forgave them. Jesus forgives us and gives us the wherewithal, the Holy Spirit, to forgive them, otherwise satan will take advantage *Didn't she say this, didn't she say that.* Praise the Lord, Jesus died on Golgotha, the place of the skull (from the neck up) where the thoughts and voices of satan are defeated when we speak *Satan, I am forgiven by Jesus, take your hands off my mind!* And, we forgive them. We saw them have accidents, we saw them get very ill, we saw them gossiping and their friends would not speak to us; yet, one by one their friends fell away from them. It's real folks. But you MUST give it over to your Saviour in order to be free and you must pray for them. He, Jesus, then, righteously puts in place the workings of their devilish ways against them. God does not judge; they judge themselves with the same judgment they put out. It is for everyone the same way. God is righteousness and justice and He is no respecter of persons.

2 Corinthians 3:

Read the chapter. The Ten Commandments were ministrations *of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious...9.* For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more does the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. (The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.) If you could only understand! You steal--the Commandment says *You shall not steal* condemning you to death; JESUS took upon Himself your theft--becoming your righteousness (making it right with your Heavenly Father): JESUS went to hell instead of you! HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, HIS GLORY!

2 Corinthians 4.

Read the chapter. The more we become like Jesus, in that we have the Holy Spirit (We are the temple of the Holy Spirit) the more we are persecuted. Everything is to the Glory of God, because the things that are seen are temporal; the things that are by faith and not seen are ETERNAL.

2 Corinthians 5

Read the chapter. How do we see Jesus here? Our physical death is not the end for a true believer. Mortality is swallowed up by eternal life. Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected for eternal life; the same happens to you. Many people do not understand

that when we die in Christ, we just step out of this flesh, the temple of the Holy Spirit, the garment so to speak, and we are in the Presence of the Lord. We are not aware of how long we are in the grave because there is no time, say from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., you are asleep and then awake instantly to continue your day. See **Thessalonians**. We are absent from the Lord as long as we're in this body but we have the Spirit of God to guide us, to teach us, to encourage us. From the time we accept Jesus as our Saviour, we are translated into the Kingdom of God, therefore, it is a new thing and we are new creatures with a new mind and a new heart. We know that when we die we will be present in the Lord and will be rewarded for what we did. That is why we want forever the nature of God, so when we do the things that God says to do and when we don't do the things that God says not to do and we repent, we know that we take on the nature of Jesus. *For if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. Now, then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray in Christ's stead, you be reconciled to God. For He (the Father) has made Him (the Son, Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*

2 Corinthians 6

Read the chapter. As Jesus dwells in us, and we are in the Kingdom of God, we need much patience, *though we be in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonour, by evil report and good report, as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.* Yes, all those things while rejoicing, rejoicing, rejoicing!

The Kingdom of God is within you. I repeat, *The Kingdom of God is within you.* Don't go building the **Kingdom of God** on this earth because we are not of this world; we are of the **Kingdom of God**, however, where ever you appear, the **Kingdom of God** is there.

2 Corinthians 7

Read the chapter. Why does the devil want you to walk in darkness (continuing from chapter 6); The evil has no part in you because you are Christ's. Also, the temple of God has no idols-- so God says He will dwell IN His own people, walk IN them and He will be their God. So you have to come out from among unbelievers and be separate and touch not the unclean thing so that He can be a Father to you. Did you know that very few people can call God, Father? Only through Jesus and by the direction of the Holy Spirit do you enter into Father-son, Father- daughter, relationship. Now in the Holy

Spirit you enter into Holiness. Paul, with a visit from Titus is encouraged because he has had to endure tremendous persecutions and tribulations and God always sends you someone to help you.

2 Corinthians 8

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, (He came from streets as of gold, and a throne of Glory in Heaven) yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through His poverty we might be rich. He, on this earth did not have a place to lay His head, yet He took your sins and mine upon Himself, went to Hell instead of us, healed us by His stripes (39 lashes), gave us a New mind as we learn His Scriptures, also a New Heart and He was resurrected by the Holy Spirit to give us new flesh soon for eternal life.) We gained everything when He came. Praise the Lord.

2 Corinthians 9

Read the chapter. *For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should have life everlasting.*

Now, Paul wants us to be cheerful givers because it is the Law of Reciprocity as God gave, so we are to give. He tells us that when we give cheerfully we will reap more than what we need. We will reap to be able to give away so that others will praise God as they receive from us. If you give sparingly, you will reap sparingly. But if you give bountifully, you will reap bountifully. Can you see Jesus in here? Jesus GAVE His life on the Cross, instead of us going to hell and eternal damnation, so that we could reap LIFE Everlasting!

2 Corinthians 10

Read the chapter. Paul says that Jesus is humble and kind, not like he, Paul is when he visits Corinth. But he says that he is bold when he is away from them; BUT since spiritual warfare does not require us in the flesh (*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;*) *Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...*

I'll give you an example because when we first accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour we really have no clue as to how this works. Let us say that you are an addict, drinking, smoking, partying, gambling, swearing, etc. We know that is our weakness because we are under the curse of Adam's sin. Then in Jesus, we are brand new creatures, so we become bold (as long as there is no one around) but when we are in front of others we wonder where this boldness goes. It is important for you to be entirely confident that Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil in you and in me like being an addict. So now you speak the WORD. Father, I was under the curse but now I am in Jesus and His blood and His stripes on His back have delivered me from

this curse and quote the Scriptures *the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through YOU to pulling down of strongholds* (like addiction in all it's forms). THANK YOU FATHER, I bind every principality and power of wickedness and rebuke them in Jesus' Name, which is above every Name in Heaven and on Earth, and even in the underworld. I am free. Even though there are remnants of desire there in the flesh, continue to speak the WORD and pray this prayer and you are indeed free.

I can tell you that it happened to us 30 plus years ago. Paul continues to say that in the flesh he comes in weakness but in God he is bold even though some say that he cannot speak. God sure knew who was suited to WRITE the gospels to the gentiles!

2 Corinthians 11

Read the chapter. When you read this chapter you will see attributes of Jesus in Paul:

- JEALOUS OVER YOU;
- ESPOUSED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND;
- WANTS TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE DEVIL;
- WANTS TO PROTECT YOUR MIND FROM CORRUPTION;
- WANTS YOU TO HAVE THE RIGHT JESUS AND THE RIGHT SPIRIT OF JESUS; JESUS ABASED HIMSELF THAT YOU MIGHT BE EXALTED, HE WENT ON THE CROSS INSTEAD OF YOU;
- JESUS DID NOT WANT TO BURDEN YOU; HE SAYS THAT WE SHOULD JOIN WITH HIM AND HIS BURDEN IS LIGHT;
- JESUS WANTS YOU IN HIS KINGDOM WITH NO THOUGHT FOR TOMORROW;
- PAUL WANTS TO HAVE YOU HOLY, TRANSFORMED AS MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHOSE END SHALL BE ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.

Paul found out that He and Jesus have become ONE in the Father. At this stage of Paul's life, he is totally mind and heart with Jesus. Suffering in Christ is what Paul is known for. He says that For you suffer:

- if a man bring you into bondage;
- if a man devour you;
- if a man take of you;
- if a man exalts himself;
- if a man smite you on the face;
- Reproach, as though we had been weak;
- Striped (beaten) above measure, stoned, shipwrecked, in perils in water, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils among false brethren, in perils on the sea, prison more frequently in deaths, often.
- In weariness and painfulness;

- in hunger and thirst;
- in fastings often;
- in cold and nakedness;

He escaped from Damascus through a window in a basket to escape the governor under Aretas, the king, who wanted to apprehend him.

2 Corinthians 12

Read the Chapter. Paul is talking about visions and revelations from the King of Glory. He was at the time of his writing describing his *out of body* or *in the body* vision and revelation of Jesus. Paul was really suffering during the same time and he prayed earnestly to have that infirmity removed but Jesus said to him *My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...that the power of Christ may rest upon me. So, infirmities, reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake, makes us strong!* It is true, here he is, an apostle, yet feels he is nothing. All the signs and wonders, and mighty deeds, were counted to him, were really performed by the Holy Spirit, in the Name of Jesus. But at the same time, Paul is writing that he wishes that there *be not debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, back-bitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults, uncleanness, fornication and lasciviousness* but that repentance would flow through the congregation like water.

I want to also say that Paul said he was very wrong by not putting a burden on them to support him in his mission work. In verse **1**, *forgive me this wrong*. Many pastors, teachers, etc. in the church are not teaching giving tithes and offerings but they are doing a great disservice (wrongful action) to the body of Christ because Abraham GAVE to Melchisedec (the Word) and that was because he loved God and because it was before the Law and the Levitical giving. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah.

2 Corinthians 13

Read the chapter. If the judges of this world system would pay attention: in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. We find that by one witness, that is his word against mine, etc. can put another in prison. That ought not to be; it needs two or three witnesses. Did you know that even the Word of God is established by two or three witnesses? In this chapter Paul says *Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith; prove your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reprobates?* All to edification, and not to destruction. What grace!

I like Paul's farewell: *Finally brethren, farewell, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with an holy kiss. All the saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*