

Thanks for God's Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

I. Introduction to 2 Corinthians

A. The background of the letter

B. The subject of the letter

II. Thanks for God's Comfort- 1:3-11

A. Comfort during trials v.3-4

B. The honor of affliction v.5-7

C. Understand the severity of affliction v.8-11

- What purposes can you experience in past afflictions that were hard to see at the moment of difficulty?
- What purposes might the Lord have for your current hardship?
- What are some cheap ways people try to comfort themselves in the flesh?
- What are some afflictions Christians face that we usually don't associate with the need to draw close in dependence on Christ?
- Why do Christians struggle so much with identity issues? How is our union with Christ linked to our identity issues?
- Study Phil. 3:8-11. What does it teach us about suffering that is vital to our daily life?
- The key verse for 2 Corinthians is verse 12:9. Read it! How is it directly relatable to you today?

Next Week: 2 Cor. 1:12-2:4