



<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to God's church in Corinth and to all of his holy people throughout Greece.

<sup>2</sup> May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

<sup>8</sup> We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it.

<sup>9a</sup> In fact, we expected to die...

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

<sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

<sup>5</sup> For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

<sup>7</sup> We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

God's comfort is not about feeling relaxed and relieved from difficulty. It is the real and personal assurance of God's love and goodness in the middle of suffering.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

<sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles

Will you personally believe in Jesus Christ today?

<sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. (Jn 1)

<sup>15</sup> So ... you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. (Romans 8)

Will you start relying on God for comfort in suffering?

<sup>9</sup> In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

...he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.  
(John 15:2b)

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Will you receive help  
from believers in your  
church (CBC)?

<sup>11</sup> And you are helping us  
by praying for us. Then  
many people will give  
thanks because God has  
graciously answered so  
many prayers for our  
safety.

**Fake Comfort**

**Sarcasm or  
Bitterness**

**Fear**

**COMMUNION**