

# Peace Amidst the Turmoil of Life

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

## *Introduction*

### **The context of the book:**

The church was founded in Acts 18.

After 18 months, Paul left.

Problems arose from false teachers.

Paul wrote a letter which was not preserved.

The letter was unheeded,

So Paul wrote 1 Corinthians.

It too was unheeded,

So Paul wrote “the sorrowful letter”

Titus visited the church to see if they repented.

And they had!

So Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to...

- Seal the reconciliation of Paul and the church.
- Encourage their obedience to finish casting out false teachers.
- And to answer the criticism of himself
  - \*as he did not “measure” to an apostle.
    - a. Not philosophic in doctrine
    - b. Not eloquent in preaching
    - c. Not visionary in his message

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**Theme:** Blessings are through buffetings.

What is a Christian leader and thus what is a Christian?

- We are not mighty but weak, reliant on grace.
- Not eloquent but faithful to God’s Word.

v 3 – The Father is blessed or adored...

...because He is merciful to our needy estate...

...thus comforting us.

v 4 – And there is **a design** to our affliction — “in order that...”

Affliction gives you an elite ministry in making us bearers of consolation to others.

v 5 – Though our sufferings for Christ are abundant... (“through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God” Acts 14:22)

...so is our comfort.

vv 6-7 – Paul **applies this to his personal situation and to the**

**Corinthians’ situation. How** does God’s Grace show itself? — “patient enduring”