

## Questions on 2 Corinthians chapter 1

1. Why does Paul stress that he is “an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God”? To whom, besides the church at Corinth, is the epistle addressed? Verse 1.
2. Although “grace” and “peace” are often used in greetings by Paul, how are they especially appropriate for the church at Corinth? Verse 2.
3. Whom did Paul praise as the source of mercy and comfort? Verse 3.
4. What is “tribulation”? How was Paul able to provide comfort? Verse 4.
5. What were “the sufferings of Christ” that abounded in Paul and his companions? How were they able to endure those sufferings? Verse 5.
6. As Paul and his helpers were either afflicted or comforted, what was the benefit to the Corinthians? What did it enable the Corinthians to do? Verse 6.

7. What is sure and certain in Paul's mind concerning the Corinthians if they are partakers of the sufferings of Christ? Verse 7.

8. Although no details of this trouble are given, what are some incidents to which it could refer? Verse 8.

9. How serious was the trouble and how despairing of life was Paul? Verse 9.

10. What was Paul's unshakeable conviction as a result of the trouble in Asia? Verse 10.

11. What was an added factor in Paul's deliverance? What did he count on many people doing on his behalf? Verse 11.

12. What was Paul's answer to those who were attributing hidden motives to Paul? Verse 12.

13. If some had claimed that Paul's writings were deceptive and that he wrote one thing and meant another, how did he anticipate and answer that charge? Verse 13.

14. How many at Corinth, if any, believed Paul to be sincere? What would be his reason for rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus? Verse 14.

15. Upon what did Paul base his original conviction that the Corinthians would believe him to be sincere and rejoice and be benefited by his coming? Verse 15.

16. What would have been the "second benefit" if he had been able to carry out his original plan? Verse 16.

17. What accusations were made against Paul because he had to change his plans? Verse 17.

18. What is Paul denying in this verse? Verse 18.

19. What did Paul, Silas, and Timothy do among the Corinthians that made it morally impossible for them to have engaged in the petty deceptions alleged by his enemies? Verse 19.

20. What does Paul mean by saying that the promises of God are “yea” and in him “amen”? Verse 20.

21. One commentator states that Paul uses four images in this and the next verse. What two are found in this verse? Verse 21.

22. What two images are in this verse? What is an “earnest”? Verse 22.

23. Paul calls upon God as witness that he delayed his coming to Corinth to spare them. From what was he trying to spare them? Verse 23.

24. Although Paul did not want to rule or dictate their faith, what did he want to do? What is the only ground of acceptance? Verse 24.