

2 Corinthians 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

Analysis

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us—three tenses: aorist *errysato* (ἐρρύσατο, past deliverance), present *ryetai* (ρύεται, ongoing rescue), future *rysetai* (ρύσεται, continued deliverance).

Past, present, future—three tenses of salvation echo Scripture (Eph 2:8 "saved"; Phil 2:12 "work out salvation"; Rom 5:9 "shall be saved"). God's character remains constant across all temporalities. Perfect *ēlpikamen* (ἐλπίζαμεν) shows settled confidence.

Historical Context

Written around AD 55-56 from Macedonia after Paul's 'painful visit' to Corinth (2:1). The Corinthian church faced challenges to Paul's apostolic authority from 'super-apostles' (11:5) who valued eloquence over cruciform ministry. Paul writes to defend his ministry, explain his changed travel plans, and restore relationship with this fractious congregation.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. Can I rehearse God's past deliverances as evidence for trusting His present and future faithfulness?
2. How does Paul's three-tense trust prevent both presumption and despair in current trials?
3. What 'so great a death' has God rescued me from that I've stopped thanking Him for?

Interlinear Text

ὃν ἐκ τηλικούτου θανάτου ρύσεται ἡμᾶς καὶ ρύσεται
Who from so great a death deliver us and deliver
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εἰς ὃν ἠλπίκαμεν ὅτι καὶ ἔτι ρύσεται
in Who we trust that and yet deliver
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Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 4:10 (Faith): For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

2 Peter 2:9 (Parallel theme): The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Psalms 34:19 (Parallel theme): Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

1 Samuel 17:37 (Parallel theme): David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

Romans 15:31 (Faith): That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

Acts 26:21 (Parallel theme): For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

2 Timothy 4:17 (Parallel theme): Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

Isaiah 46:3 (Parallel theme): Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

1 Samuel 7:12 (Parallel theme): Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.