

2 Corinthians 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

Analysis

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation (εἴτε θλιβόμεθα, ὑπὲρ τῆς ὑμῶν παρακλήσεως)—Hyper (ὑπὲρ, "for/on behalf of") shows substitutionary purpose. Paul's afflictions aren't random but redemptive, producing the Corinthians' comfort and sōtēria (salvation/sanctification).

Which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings—energoumenēs (ἐνεργουμένης, "being made effective") through hypomonē (ὑπομονή, "patient endurance"). Comfort isn't escapist but empowering—enabling endurance of **the same sufferings**. Pastor and congregation share identical afflictions.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does knowing someone's suffering might be 'for my consolation' change how I pray for leaders?
2. Am I willing to embrace affliction if it produces salvation/comfort in others?
3. What 'same sufferings' do I share with my church that could become mutual encouragement?

Interlinear Text

εἴτε	δὲ	θλιβόμεθα	ὑπὲρ	τῆς	ὑμῶν	παρακλήσεως
or whether	And	we be afflicted	it is for	which	your	consolation
G1535	G1161	G2346	G5228	G3588	G5216	G3874
καὶ	σωτηρίας,	τῆς	ἐνεργουμένης	ἐν	ὑπομονῇ	τῆς
also	salvation	which	is effectual	in	the enduring	which
G2532	G4991	G3588	G1754	G1722	G5281	G3588
αὐτῶν	παθημάτων	ᾧ	καὶ	ἡμεῖς	πάσχομεν	εἴτε
of the same	sufferings	which	also	we	suffer	or whether
G846	G3804	G3739	G2532	G2249	G3958	G1535
παρακαλούμεθα	ὑπὲρ	τῆς	ὑμῶν	παρακλήσεως	καὶ	
we be comforted	it is for	which	your	consolation	also	
G3870	G5228	G3588	G5216	G3874	G2532	
σωτηρίας,						
salvation						
G4991						

Additional Cross-References

2 Timothy 2:10 (Salvation): Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2 Corinthians 1:4 (Parallel theme): Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Romans 8:28 (Parallel theme): And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 5:5 (Parallel theme): Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Philippians 1:19 (Salvation): For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 3:13 (Parallel theme): Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org