

2 Corinthians 1:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

Analysis

And our hope of you is stedfast (ἡ ἀλπὶς ἡμῶν βεβαία)—Bebaia (βεβαία, "firm/secure") is legal terminology for binding contracts. Paul's hope isn't wishful but confident expectation grounded in divine faithfulness.

Knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation—koinōnoi (κοινωνοί, "partners/sharers") is fellowship language. The correlative hōs...houtōs (ώς...οὗτως, "as...so") guarantees proportion: participation in suffering necessitates participation in consolation.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What makes my hope 'steadfast'—is it grounded in God's character or optimistic circumstances?
2. How does viewing myself as 'partner' in Christ's sufferings and consolation reshape my trials?
3. Who needs to hear the assurance that current suffering guarantees future comfort?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἡ ἐλπίς ἡμῶν βεβαία ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν εἰδότες ὅτι
And G3588 hope our is stedfast of you knowing that
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ἄσπερ κοινωνοί ἐστε τῶν παθημάτων οὕτως καὶ τῆς
as partakers ye are G3588 of the sufferings so And G3588
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παρακλήσεως
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Additional Cross-References

James 1:12 (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (Parallel theme): There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Corinthians 7:9 (Parallel theme): Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2 Corinthians 1:14 (Parallel theme): As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are our's in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 12:20 (Parallel theme): For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

2 Timothy 2:12 (Parallel theme): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: