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2 Corinthians 1:2-10

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Grace and peace. The Jews would greet one another with the term, "shalom," which means peace. Gentiles know of the Lord due to His grace that has been shed for all men.

Comfort in Suffering

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

Just as the Holy Spirit is known as the Comforter, God the Father is the comforter of all men, Jew and Gentile alike; who allow themselves to become His friend through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We are a new creation - a new man in God's image and likeness due to His Holy Spirit indwelling the believer.

We have the Grace of God on our side and peace that passes all understanding when we accept God's one and only Son who died on the cross for the remission of sins.

Strife, anger, war; are all products of the fallen nature of man – his flesh, this fallen world and the devil. The product of Knowing God personally through Jesus is grace and peace and the eventual entrance into the [kingdom of God](#) where all tears are wiped away and all things are made new. (www.Jesus-abc.com/php/Heaven.php)

⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Just as a good father comforts his children and does what he can to provide for them and teach them to do for themselves, our God is always there. Not that everything will be alright all the time because we know in this world we will have tribulations [John 16:33](#), But we have the Good News that we are saved from a condemnation that is upon all who reject Christ. The suffering of this world is for a brief moment compared to the eternal glory of God's everlasting kingdom that will be established here on earth.

⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:1-7

I. That We Might Comfort Others (1:1-7)

The word "comfort" is used ten times in vv. 1-7 ("consolation" in 5, 6, and 7) and literally means "to call to one's side." It is the same word Jesus used in [John 14:16](#) for the Spirit, the Comforter (Paraclete). What a joy it is to know that God stands at our side to help whenever we go through troubles

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How many times have the wilds of the enemy entangled me in sin of one sort or another and no sooner the Lord comes by my side and assured me that things are alright. Whatever ails you, anger, regret, sadness, slander, malice, backbiting, all have been placed on Christ. Remember that the next time your blood boils or your fist clenches, or your mind goes into a rage. Remember this has been laid on Jesus Christ. He took it for you upon Himself so you can have peace!

Isa 53:6 (*Prophecy concerning the suffering of the Christ – Messiah; 800 BC*)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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⁶ Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.

⁷ And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

⁸ For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a death, and does* deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

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Salvation is an ongoing work and Jesus is interceding for us at the right hand of the Father.

We are saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved.

- We are saved by the finished work of the cross on Calvary's hill two thousand years ago.
- We are being renewed and made into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ from glory to glory, and
- when we see Him, we shall be as He is.

What splendor we have as Christians – Jews and Gentiles alike. The Bible teaches us correctly that we are new creations in Messiah - Yeshua: Remember, God choose the Jewish people to bring the Messiah here on earth.

Isa 53:10-11 (*[Prophecy concerning the suffering of the Christ](#) – Messiah; 800 BC*)

¹⁰ yet it pleased *Adonai* to crush him with illness, to see if he would present himself as a guilt offering. If he does, he will see his offspring; and he will prolong his days; and at his hand *Adonai's* desire will be accomplished.

¹¹ After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction. "By his knowing [pain and sacrifice], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their sins that he suffers.

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