Why Does It Hurt So Much?

为何受苦如此之深?

1. Paul's Introduction Shows How CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE

保罗的开场白告诉我们基督徒是如何生活的

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- A. GRACE 恩惠
- B. PEACE 平安
- 2. Why Christians <u>SUFFER</u> (vs 3-7) 基督徒为何<u>受苦</u>?

Two words stand out in this passage: 这段经文中有两个词很突出:

- A. <u>AFFLICTION</u> 患难
- B. <u>COMFORT</u> 安慰

约翰福音 16:33 我將這些事告訴你們,是要叫你們在我裡面有平安。在世上,你們有苦難;但你們可以放心,我已經勝了世界。」

- a. It allows us to <u>SEE WHAT GOD CAN DO</u> 让我们<u>看到神能做什么</u>?
 - 1:5 我們既多受基督的苦楚,就靠基督多得安慰。
- b. It allows us to BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS 让我们成为他人的榜样
 - 1:4 我們在一切患難中,他就安慰我們,叫我們能用神所賜的安慰去安慰那遭各樣患難的人
- c. It teaches us not to <u>RELY ON SELF</u> 教导我们<u>不依靠自己</u>
 - 1:9 自己心裡也斷定是必死的,叫我們不靠自己,只靠叫死人復活的神。
 - 1:10 他曾救我們脫離那極大的死亡,現在仍要救我們,並且我們指望他將來還要救我們。
- d. To ultimately GIVE GOD GLORY 最终将荣耀归给神
 - 1:11 你們以祈禱幫助我們,好叫許多人為我們謝恩,就是為我們因許多人所得的恩。

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who 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. ⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 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 ^[d] does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, ¹¹ you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many."

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- 1:3 願頌讚歸與我們的主耶穌基督的父神,就是發慈悲的父,賜各樣安慰的神。1:4 我們在一切患難中,他就安慰我們,叫我們能用神所賜的安慰去安慰那遭各樣患難的人。1:5 我們既多受基督的苦楚,就靠基督多得安慰。1:6 我們受患難呢,是為叫你們得安慰,得拯救;我們得安慰呢,也是為叫你們得安慰;這安慰能叫你們忍受我們所受的那樣苦楚。1:7 我們為你們所存的盼望是確定的,因為知道你們既是同受苦楚,也必同得安慰。
- 1:8 弟兄們,我們不要你們不曉得,我們從前在亞西亞遭遇苦難,被壓太重,力不能勝,甚至連活命的指望都絕了; 1:9 自己心裡也斷定是必死的,叫我們不靠自己,只靠叫死人復活的神。 1:10 他曾救我們脫離那極大的死亡,現在仍要救我們,並且我們指望他將來還要救我們。 1:11 你們以祈禱幫助我們,好叫許多人為我們謝恩,就是為我們因許多人所得的恩。