

BACKGROUND

- A. Writer: Paul (1:1; 10:1)
- B. Time and Place of Writing
 - 1. From Macedonia during Paul's third missionary journey in preparation for his visit to Corinth (Acts 20:1-2)
 - 2. About A.D. 55
- C. Purpose of Writing
 - 1. To Explain his sufferings in Asia (1:3-11)
 - 2. To explain why he changed his plans for a return visit to Corinth (1:12 - 2:4)
 - 3. Give instructions for the discipline and reconciliation of the offender (2:5-11)
 - 4. To express his joy over the revival (2:12-13)
 - 5. To set forth the superiority of the ministry of grace (2:14 - 6:10)
 - 6. To urge the church to fulfill its collection responsibility (8:1-9:15)
 - 7. To vindicate his apostleship against the charges of false apostles (10:1 - 13:14)

Lessons From Suffering

(1:3-11)

- A. We should bless God for who He is (1:3)
- B. We can receive the comfort of God when we are in trouble (1:4)
- C. We can share with others the comfort of God in our lives (1:4)
- D. We can become an example to others (1:5-7)
- E. We should not put our trust in our own wisdom and strength (1:8-9)
- F. We should put our trust in God (1:9-10)
- G. We should be willing to be helped by others (1:11)