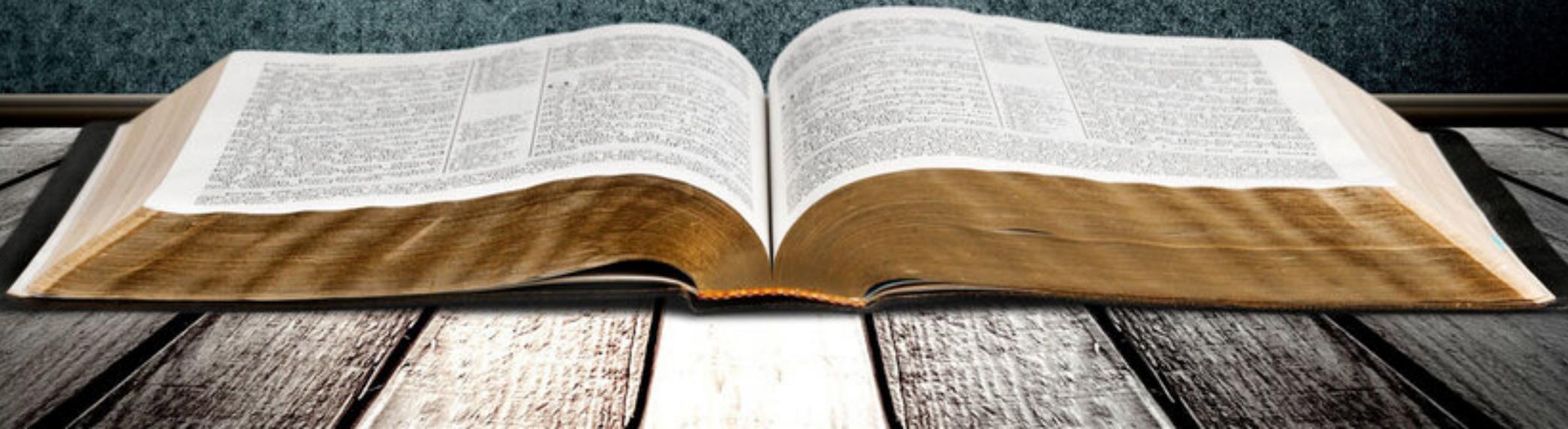


# 2 CORINTHIANS

A Verse-by-Verse Study



# MAP OF ACHAIA



# Corinth Background

- A major trade city where both land and sea travel passed through.
- Entertainment center and host of the Isthmus games.
- Capital of a Roman province.
- A center of pagan worship and the temple to Aphrodite, 1000 or more temple prostitutes.
- A city with immorality so bad that outside of Corinth an immoral person was told they were behaving like a Corinthian.

# Corinth Church Background

- Paul planted the Corinthian Church and was the first leader of the Church.
- Paul founded the Church on his second missionary journey, before moving to Ephesus (Acts 18:11)
- Paul Met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth where he lived with them for 1 ½ years while tentmaking and preaching in Corinth.
- Paul met much resistance and was charged by the Jews before the court where the case was thrown out.
- After Paul left Apollos became the next pastor (Acts 18:24-19:1).

## Corinth Church Background

- The Church in Corinth struggled perhaps more than any other New Testament church.
- The sinful culture of Corinth was creeping in and influencing church members, which was at the heart of their struggle.

# Corinth Church Background

- Because of this, immorality and division were taking over.
- False teachers were also infiltrating the church, attacking Paul's character.

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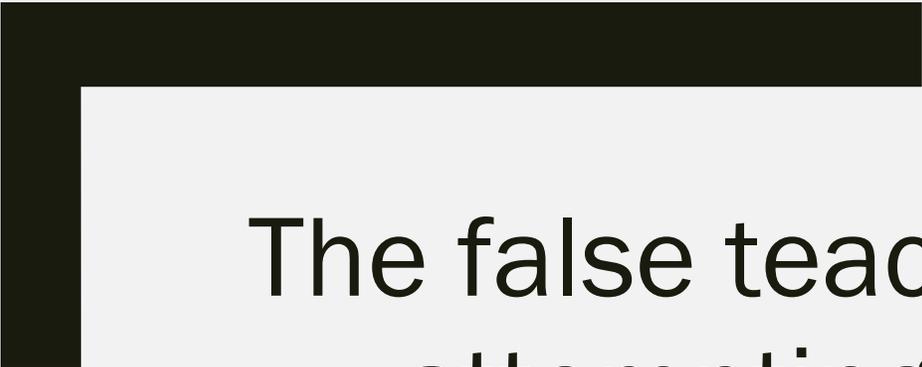
- The false teachers knew Paul could not be influenced, so if they could get the people of the church to rebel against Paul, then they had hope for changing the doctrine of the Church to allow and approve of their sinful lifestyles.

## 2 Corinthians 1: 1 (NASB)

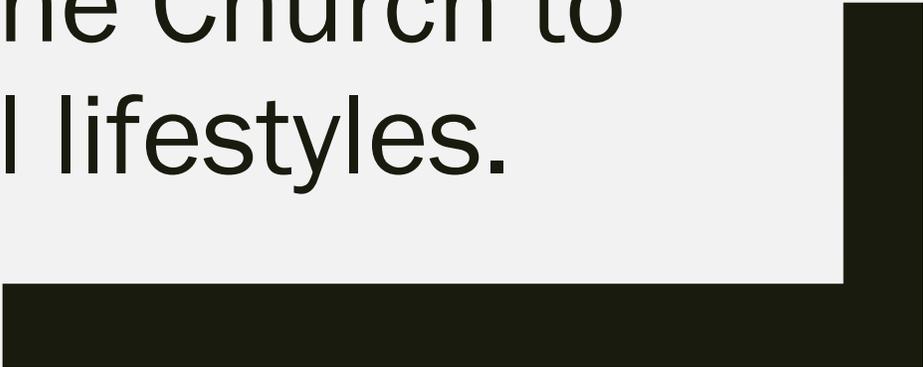
*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy,  
To the church of God which is at Corinth  
with all the saints who are  
throughout Achaia:*

# Question?

Why do you think Paul opens the letter by stating that he is *“an apostle of Christ”*?



The false teachers in the Church were attempting to undermine Paul's authority so they could continue to corrupt the doctrine of the Church to approve of their sinful lifestyles.



# Question?

Who wanted Paul to be an  
apostle?

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## 2 Corinthians 1: 2 (NASB)

*Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# Question?

Where does Grace and Peace  
come from?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 2 (NASB)

*Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"No God, no peace.  
Know God, know peace."*

*- Author Unknown -*



## 2 Corinthians 1: 3 (NASB)

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

# Question?

What character qualities of God does Paul emphasize in the opening verses of 2 Corinthians?

God

Grace

Peace

Mercy

Comfort

Paul's life, writing and teaching center around praising God.

This is an important reminder that Christ should be at the center of our lives.

When Christ is at the center of our lives, it will show in our conversations and actions.

Question?

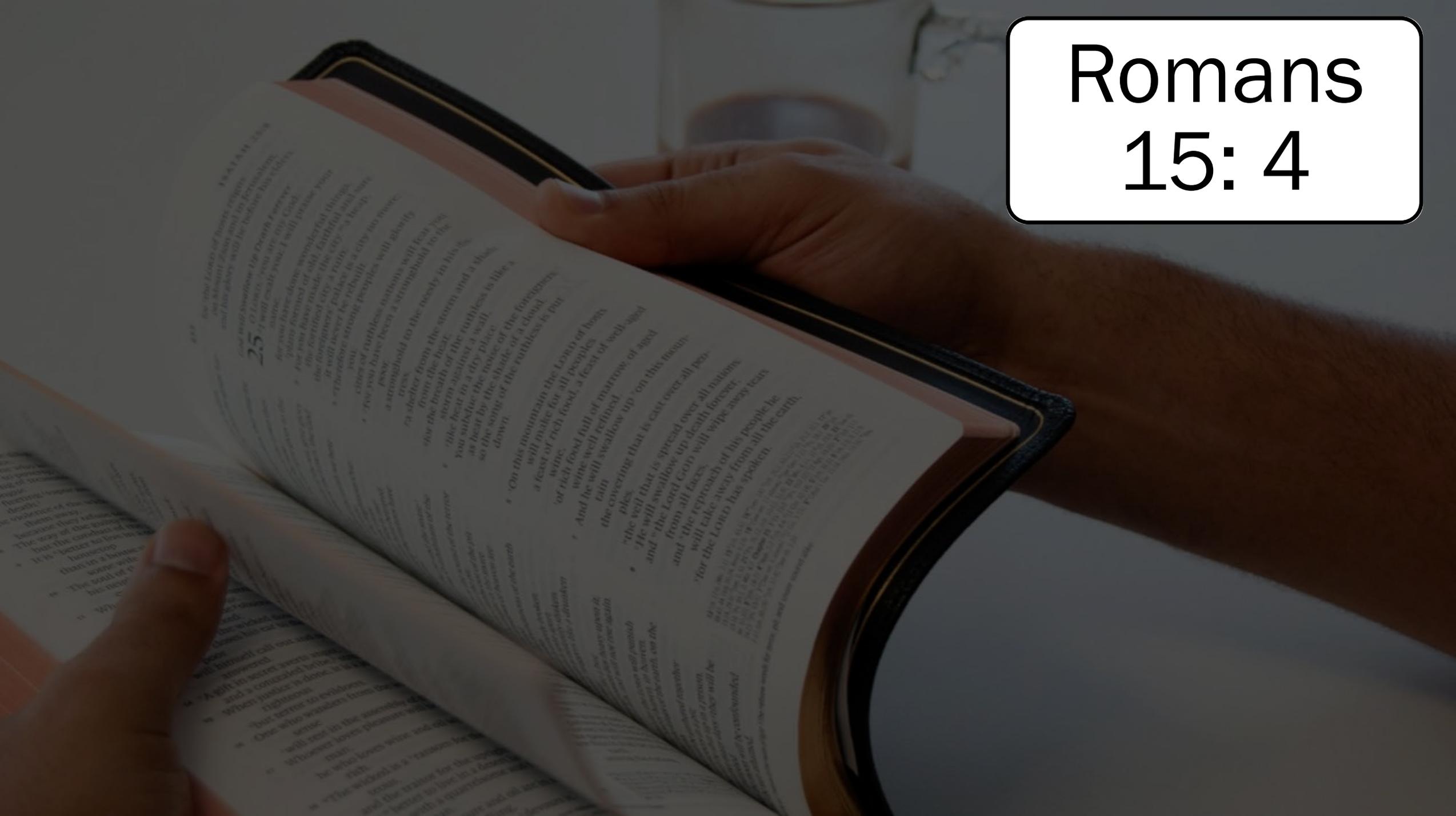
How does God comfort us?

- ✓ He promises that our pain and tears will be wiped away.
- ✓ He promises that our sins are forgiven if we make Jesus Lord, repent and are baptized.
- ✓ He promises that He will cause everything to work together for our good if we love Him.
- ✓ He promises that He will never leave us or forsake us.
- ✓ He promises that He has prepared a place for us and will return for us.

# Question?

What is another source of God's  
comfort?

# Romans 15: 4



## Romans 15: 4 (NKJV)

*For whatever things were written before  
were written for our learning, that we  
through the patience and comfort of the  
Scriptures might have hope.*

# Question?

What should the comfort of God  
motivate us to do?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 4 (NASB)

*who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*



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## 2 Corinthians 1: 5 (NASB)

*For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 5 (NLT)

*For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.*

Question?

What is  
Paul saying  
here?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 5 (NLT)

*For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.*

It is during our times of weakness and suffering that  
God's strength is greatest in our lives!

It is in our hardships that we see God the clearest!

We see God's power, faithfulness and presence in our  
hardships because our God is real and He is the answer  
to our suffering!