

Lesson 66 Answers and Comments

2	hunger
curious	thirst
books	naked
grew	buffeted
prevailed	no
will	dwelling place
godly	labor
shall	reviled
persecution	persecuted
1. imprisoned	suffer
2. beaten	defamed
3. stoned	filth
4. shipwrecked	offscouring
5. robbed	gain
6. hungry	godliness
7. cold	
8. naked	
9. pain	
10. weariness	
afflictions	
appointed	
suffer	
tribulation	
you	
given	
believe	
also	
suffer	

Paul reminds us in II Tim. 2:9, after admonishing Timothy to remain strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, that “Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds, but the word of God is not bound.”

Paul refers to the message he preached and consequently suffered for as “my gospel” in vs. 8.

Preaching the message Paul preached is sure to bring persecution. You might even be called an “evil doer”. Always nit-picking, not just “loving Jesus” and being critical of every “wind of doctrine”. I’m pretty sure that believers in America haven’t yet been thrown in prison for preaching God’s grace. But Paul did not despair! In vs. 10 he says “Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” The word of God is not bound! It will produce saving faith in many who hear it! Don’t water it down or shrink from proclaiming it!

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II Cor. 1:8 “For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, inasmuch that we despaired even of life:”

What a mental picture Paul paints for us in this verse. Read it again slowly. “Pressed out of measure...” Paul experienced trouble that crushed and squeezed him out of measure, beyond any limits. The enormity of the trouble squeezed him like a vise. “Above strength”, his trouble was greater than his strength. His trouble was so intense that it caused him to “despair even of life”. Paul thought that death was near. Have you had trouble like that? I think we have all had our times when it seemed as though our troubles would smother us, engulf us, “choke the life”, so to speak, right out of us. Well, here comes the DELIVERANCE!

II Cor. 1:9, 10 “But we had the _____ of _____ in ourselves, that we should not _____ in _____, but in _____ which _____ the _____: vs. 10 Who _____ us from so great a death, and doth _____: in whom we _____ that he will yet _____ us;”

Deliverance abounds in these verses. Deliverance first comes by not trusting in ourselves. That is, in our own ability and strength.

II Cor. 4:7 “But we have this _____ in _____, that the excellency of the _____ may be of _____, and _____ of us.”

II Cor. 3:5 “Not that we are _____ of _____ to think anything as of ourselves; but our _____ is of _____;”

Facing trouble in our own strength is a recipe for certain failure. The, “I can do it”, philosophy is unsaved man’s way of handling trouble.

Prov. 16:25 says “There is a _____ that seemeth _____ unto a man, but the _____ thereof are the ways of _____.”

Mankind flatters himself with coming up with “ways” (psychology, pills, Dr. Phil) to get through trouble. They all lead to the same conclusion, death. Anyone’s life that is absent from being “in Christ” is dead and in vain.

Ps. 39:5 “...verily _____ man at his _____ is altogether _____.”

Paul’s trouble drove him from self trust to trust in God. Trouble should work that same way in us. Do troubles drive you to reliance upon God?? Paul is going to teach us just how it is that God will deliver us. But first Paul reminds us of just why we should trust God.

II Cor. 1:9 “...but in God which _____ the _____:”

Raising the dead takes power! As a believer, God has already performed this miracle in your life.

Eph. 2:1 “And you hath he _____, who were _____ in trespasses and sins;” vs. 5 “Even when we were _____ in sins, hath _____ us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;)”

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Rom. 6:4 “Therefore we are _____ with him by baptism into _____: that like as Christ was _____ up from the _____ by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _____ of _____.”

As believers, we were once dead in our sins, but we have been raised, given life that is eternal!

Eph. 2:6 “And hath _____ us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

Trust in God, which raiseth the dead,” when trouble comes. There’s our source of power, strength and victory over trouble!! Do we sometimes forget about or minimize this powerful, miraculous event that happened in our lives the moment we trusted Christ as our Saviour??

Now that we’ve renewed and refreshed our minds on this great truth, let’s get on with the how of our great God’s deliverance over trouble in time.

II Cor. 1:10 “Who _____ us from so great a death, and doth _____: in whom we trust that he will yet _____ us,”

Here we have Paul referring to deliverance in the past, present and future tense. I believe Paul is referring to his deliverance (rescue, preservation) from the life threatening troubles in Asia and to those perils that would still befall him. What did deliverance ultimately mean to Paul?

II Tim. 4:18 “And the Lord shall _____ me from every evil work, and will _____ me unto his _____: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Paul spoke of deliverance in vs. 17 of II Tim. 4 “...I was _____ out of the mouth of the lion”. Paul had experienced so many physical deliverances from peril throughout the fulfilling of his commission by the risen Lord.

II Tim. 4:17 “...that by _____ the _____ might be fully _____, and that all _____ might _____.” For this reason he was physically delivered. But now, in vs. 18. Paul is awaiting his executioner. What about his deliverance now? It is more glorious than all other deliverances. Paul is confident that God (in whom he trusts), will preserve him unto His heavenly kingdom. In Col. 1:13 we read “Who hath _____ us from the _____ of _____, and hath _____ us into the _____ of his dear _____:”

In Eph. 2:6 we read that we have been raised and are seated in heavenly places already! Christ secured our deliverance at the cross.

Heb. 2:14, 15 “...that through _____ he might _____ him that had the power of _____, that is, the _____; vs. 15 And _____ them who through _____ of _____ were all their _____ subject to _____.”

Rom. 8:18-23 speaks of the suffering and pain that we are subject to as a result of still living in a body that is under the bondage of corruption and in a world under the curse of sin. In Rom. 8:23, 24 we see our deliverance! A hope! The redemption of our body! A new and glorious body awaits us!

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Phil. 3:21 “Who shall _____ our _____, that it may be _____ like unto his _____ body...”

Now we are privileged to partake in the _____ of his _____, being made _____ unto his _____.” Phil. 3:10

Paul says in Col. 1:24 “Who now rejoice in my _____ for you, and _____ up that which is behind of the _____ of _____ in my _____ for his body’s sake, which is the church.”

Christ’s redemptive work was completed on the cross. But as long as Christ remains in heaven the world goes on in rejection and rebellion. It is we, who in “Christ’s stead” get to bear the reproach, the contempt, the persecution that comes as a result of being ambassadors for Christ.

Does your hope help you get through the troubles in time?? Set your affection on things above (your hope) and get God’s deliverance for today.

Col. 1:11 “Strengthened with all _____, according to his glorious _____, unto all (deliverance) is that what the verse says? “...unto all _____ and _____ with _____.”

The next verse points us to the truth that God has made us meet (fit) to be _____ of the _____ of the _____ in light.”

Gal. 1:4 “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might _____ us from this _____ world, according to the will of God our Father.”

Is this present evil world pressing you beyond measure? Above strength? Despairing you even of life? Occupy your position of deliverance! Let the verses garrison your heart and mind! Let God’s strength, comfort and empower you! God’s strength fortifies our inner man through the sound doctrine of the word of God. Let us all memorize Rom. 8:37 “Nay, in all these things we are more than _____ through him that loved us.”

The “all things” are in vs. 35 tribulation, distress, persecution famine, nakedness, peril, sword and slaughter! We have been delivered, we are delivered and we shall be delivered!