Trinity Bible Church
Adult Sunday School
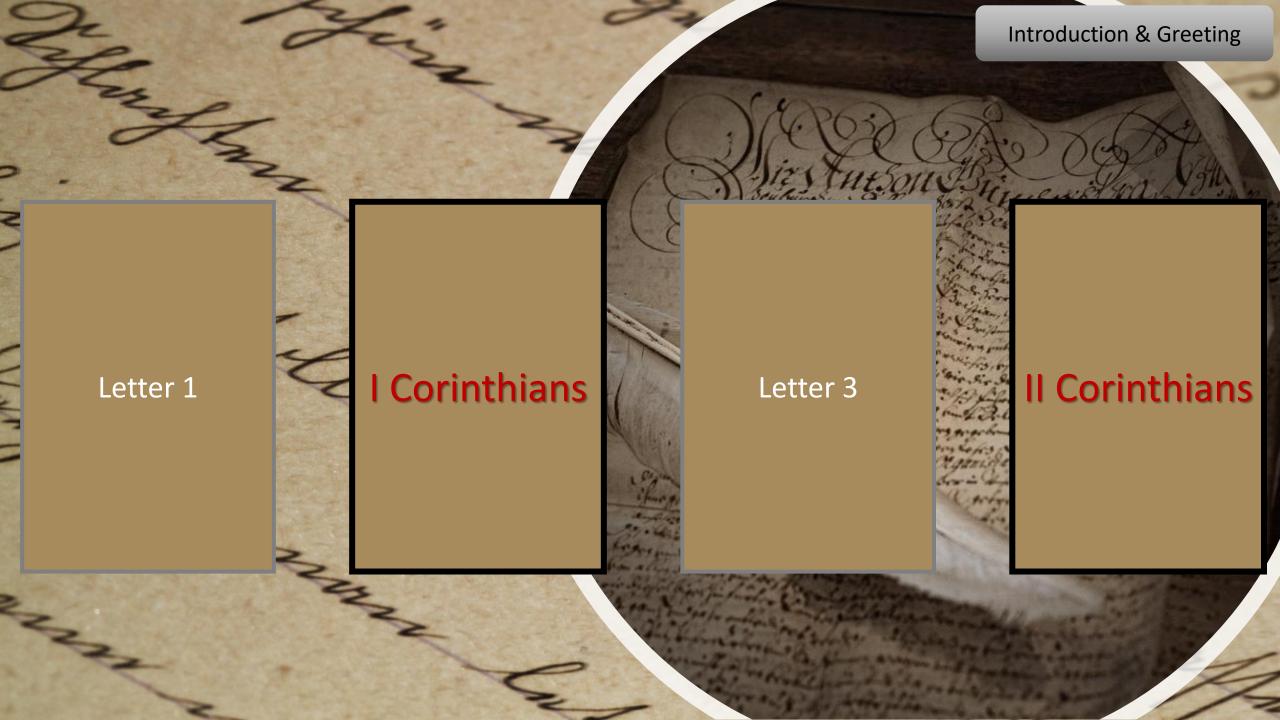
II Corinthians 1:1-11

20-March-22

Outline

i. Introduction & Greeting (1:1-2)

ii. Comfort in Suffering (1:3-7)

iii. Delivered from Suffering (1:8-11)

Corinth

Historical Introduction

- **Church @ Corinth**

  - ✓ Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey (Acts 18:1)

  - ✓ Met Priscilla and Aquila

  - ✓ Mix of both Jews and Gentiles

  - ✓ Established in ~A.D. 50

- **Letter to *II Corinthians***

  - ✓ Written by Apostle Paul

  - ✓ Written ~ A.D. later 55 or early 56

  - ✓ Perhaps written from Philippi

Paul's Greeting

I Corinthians 1:1	2 Corinthians 1:1a
Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,	Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

✓ **Called** (*not self-appointed*)

✓ **Apostle of Jesus Christ** (*sent one*!)

✓ **Will of God** (*Divine direction of God*)

✓ **Sosthenes**	✓ **Timothy**

Apostle vs. False Teacher

Apostle	False Teacher
✓ Called	✓ Self-Appointed
✓ **Sent** by Jesus Christ	✓ Represent their father, the devil
✓ Divine Appointment	✓ Self-Will (*Independent Agent*)

Paul's Address

I Corinthians 1:2-3	2 Corinthians 1:1B-2
2 To the **church of God that is in Corinth**, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be **saints** together with all those **who in every place** call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	To the **church of God that is at Corinth**, with all the **saints** who are in the **whole of Achaia**: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

✓ **Church of God @ Corinth**

✓ **Saints** (*I Corinthians …Paul elaborates; those sanctified*)

✓ **Whole Achaia** (*I Corinthians …Paul uses boarder definition*)

✓ **Grace and Peace**

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- **What** (1:4a)
  - ✓ Comforts in Tribulation

- **Why** (1:4b)
  - ✓ Comfort those in Trouble
  - ✓ Comfort as we are comforted by God

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  - ✓ Partakers of Consolation

Paul's Troubles

- **Not Ignorant** (1:8)
  - ✓ Saints of Corinth
  - ✓ Trouble in Asia
  - ✓ Burdened beyond Measure
  - ✓ Despaired of Life

- **Earthly Condemnation** (1:9)
  - ✓ Sentence of Death
  - ✓ Not Trust in "Ourselves"

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- Prayer (1:11)
  - ✓ Helping through Prayer
  - ✓ "Thanks" Given
  - ✓ Gift granted through Many