

# Today's Bible Verses

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Today's 4 verses, read in order, are Paul writing about his physical infirmity. There is a strong hint (v.15) that it may have been his eyesight.

a "You know that previously I preached the gospel to you because of a physical illness."

Galatians 4:13 (1 of 4 for Mar 5)

b "You did not despise or reject me though my physical condition was a trial for you."

Galatians 4:14 (2 of 4 for Mar 5)

c "You received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. What happened to this sense of being blessed you had?"

Galatians 4:14-15 (3 of 4 for Mar 5)

d "For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me."

Galatians 4:15 (4 of 4 for Mar 5)

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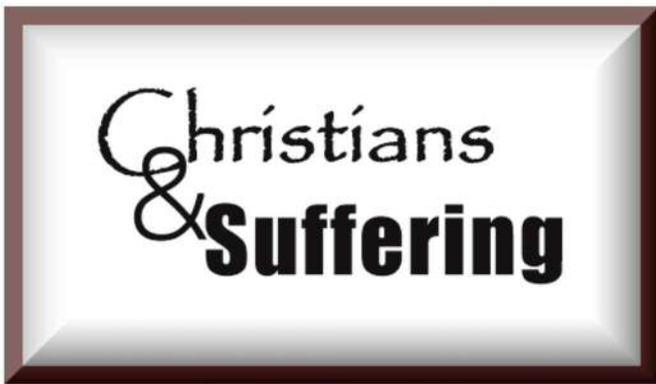
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## Additional Verses and Bible Study

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*"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace.*

***You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."***

Jesus, quoted in John 16:33

## PART 33

### HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our **affliction**, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of **affliction**, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For as the **sufferings** of Christ overflow to us, so through Christ our comfort also overflows. If we are **afflicted**, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is experienced in your endurance of the same **sufferings** that we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the **sufferings**, so you will share in the comfort.

For we don't want you to be unaware, brothers, of our **affliction** that took place in Asia: we were completely overwhelmed — beyond our strength — so that we even despaired of life. Indeed, we personally had a death sentence within ourselves, so that we would not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a terrible death, and He will deliver us. We have put our hope in Him that He will deliver us again while you join in helping us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gift that came to us through the prayers of many.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11

### COMMENTARY

There is much pastoral counseling in all of Paul's epistles to the various churches. But perhaps none of those letters can match the two he wrote to the church in Corinth in their depth and breadth of teaching about (and in response to) their acute spiritual mistakes and sufferings.

And that's how we find the opening of the second letter to the Corinthians – with Paul offering consolation and comfort for the sufferings and afflictions that were permeating the church.

Naturally, he begins with God, explaining that it is Our Father who comforts us in times such they were experiencing. The sufferings of Christ, he says, "overflow to us, so through Christ our comfort also overflows."

Having delivered hope of (and God's promise for) such guidance and care, Paul next reminds them of his own suffering in Asia Minor. "We were completely overwhelmed, beyond our strength, such that we even despaired of life." But even with a real death sentence hanging over his head, Paul knew that it was "God Who raises the dead and has delivered us from such a terrible death."

Having therefore joined their sufferings with his, Paul asks them to join their prayers with his for their mutual rescue, comfort, and salvation. "Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gift that came to us through the prayers of many."

Once again, Paul interlocks a physical situation (affliction) with the spiritual answer (prayer, supplication, with thanksgiving). Such are the everlasting promises of God – and His expectations of and for us in this life.

#### USAGE OF THE NAME OF GOD IN THESE VERSES AND STUDIES

As I do in all my Daily and Additional Verses, whenever an OT passage contains the four-letter Name of God יהוה (transliteration: YHVH or YHWH), I change the translation from The LORD to Yahweh. (Yahweh seems to be the most common transliteration of the name, but I have recently come across some very persuasive arguments that the name was originally Yehovah.)

I don't make this change for reasons of doctrine (*or because I think my prayers won't be heard if I don't pronounce God's name correctly!*) – but simply because in the original Hebrew context, **the word is a proper name.** (See Exodus 3:15 below.)

And as such, I believe to read the text in a way that uses a proper name (and not a title, like Lord) conveys more accurate information. Paul told us that “All Scripture is inspired by God,” and so why wouldn't we want to read it the way He inspired it? While it is true that the correct pronunciation of YHWH has been lost, “Yahweh” is probably our era's most commonly used equivalent.

*God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever; this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.”*

Exodus 3:15

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*All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (HCSB)

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