

Higher Things

DARE TO BE LUTHERAN

Amen: Bible Study I

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-22

1. Who is blessed? (v. 3) How is He described? What do we do with the comfort God gives us (v. 4)?
2. How is suffering part of our life in Christ? In Whose sufferings do we share?
3. There's a lot of "comfort," "suffering," and "affliction" going on in these first few verses! Can you track it all?
4. What happened in Asia to St. Paul (v. 8)? How serious was it? Why does St. Paul say this happened? (v. 9-10)
5. What does St. Paul boast in? What is his confession? (v. 12)
6. Why is St. Paul writing to the Corinthians? (v. 14-15) What will happen on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ? (v. 15)
7. Did you think boasting was a sin? What should you not boast in? What can you boast in? (Ps. 34:2, 2 Cor. 10:8, 17, Gal. 6:14)

8. Why did St. Paul want to come to see the Corinthians again? (v. 15) Did he waffle back and forth on whether he would visit them?

9. Did Jesus waffle between “Yes” and “No”? What's the answer “in Him?”

10. Why is the “in Him” and “through Him” so important (v. 19- 21)?

11. From where does our “Amen” come, and to whom and what is it spoken?

12. God is the subject of the verbs of the last verses of this section. What does God do?

13. How did God “do” the verbs of the above question to you? (v. 22)

14. What's the “Amen” of today's Bible study?

*“Our paschal Lamb, that sets us free Is sacrificed. O keep, the feast of freedom gallantly;
Let alleluias leap: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia!
Amen”* (LSB 473, verse 1)