



# GULF SHORES

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## ***Saints Can Find Hope In Consolation (II Corinthians 1)***

Introduction: We are beginning a new series on the book of II Corinthians. The church in Corinth had many problems. Paul wrote at least four letters to this congregation. I & II Corinthians are only part of that correspondence. However, the second letter in our New Testament reveals that the first letter was received with love and acceptance. The “saints” of God in Corinth realized that not all hope was lost. In this second letter, we can see several things that gave the church hope. Today we will see how we can receive hope in consolation. Let’s open to chapter one and study together...

Discussion:

### ***I. The Source of Consolation (vs.1-11)***

- God is the source of benevolence (**II Corinthians 9:8-15**).
- God is the source of patience and comfort (**Romans 15:5**).
- God is the source of goodness and mercy (**James 1:17**).
- God is the source of love (**I John 4:7-21**).

### ***II. The Significance of Consolation (vs.12-22)***

- God wants us to seek direction from Him (**Romans 15:4**).
- God wants us to talk to Him (**Philippians 4:6-7**).
- God wants us to draw closer to Him (**James 4:8**).
- God wants us to share our experiences (**II Corinthians 7:4-7, 13**).

### ***III. The Safety of Consolation (vs.23-24)***

- God has given us His judgment (**Romans 1:28-2:11**).
- God has given us His grace (**Ephesians 2:1-10**).
- God has given us His Word (**II Timothy 3:16-17**).
- God has given us His promises (**Hebrews 13:5**).

Conclusion: Remember Paul began our text with these words: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort*" (v.3). The comfort Paul had received was moving him to praise God and pass that comfort along to others! Do you have hope? Are you in Christ? If you have this hope, have you been sharing it with others? Are you ready to be filled with hope?