

DELIVERANCE
II Corinthians 1:8-10 (verse 10)

Introduction:

1. Paul is attempting to encourage these people in the church at Corinth.
2. There is very great evidence that the people were concerned about Paul and his condition.
3. Notice verses 8-9.
4. But Paul tells them that he had learned to not trust in himself but to trust in God who had such tremendous power that He could raise the dead.
5. Of all the miracles there is none more amazing and stunning than raising one from the dead.
6. So Paul says I will trust Him regardless of the situation or circumstances.
7. He implies there is nothing His God can't do and Paul bases that statement by faith in His God.
8. He had seen God work so why should he begin to doubt Him now?

I. GOD DELIVERED PAUL IN THE PAST (“...from so great a death.”)

- A. When Paul accepted Christ as His saviour he was delivered from eternal damnation.
 1. Paul thought he was doing God's work when he persecuted and hindered followers of Christ.
 2. But he realized the truth on the dirty road to Damascus.
- B. When you accepted Christ you too were delivered from “*so great a death.*”
 1. You may have thought you were okay with God but learned quickly you were not when the Holy Spirit convicted you of your sins.
 2. And you were saved the same way Paul was – by faith.
Scripture: **Romans 5:1** “*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

II. GOD DELIVERED PAUL IN THE PRESENT (“...doth deliver.”)

- A. Paul told of God delivering him many times on a daily basis from many different things.
Scripture: **II Corinthians 11:23-28.**
- B. That same God delivers each of His children daily.
 1. I wonder how many times each day God delivers us from evil
 2. I wonder how many times God delivers us from death.

III. GOD SHALL DELIVER PAUL IN THE FUTURE (*in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.*)

- A. By faith Paul knew he was in good hands with God.
 1. He knew that whatever he must face he would be delivered.
 2. And he knew that when even death came he would be delivered.
- B. By faith we know that God shall deliver us
 1. We live in perilous times but God shall deliver us from whatever may come our way.
 2. And when it comes time for us to die we shall still have victory through Christ.

Conclusion:

1. Deliverance! That's the victory we have through God.
2. Do you have that deliverance?