



God's Comfort

The greatest comfort we could ever get comes from God. Comfort is the solution to mental pressures. When we are confronted from mental pressure, God's comfort eases the pain, so to speak. We must learn to look to God for His comfort, especially when under mental pressure.

(2 Cor 1:3-7) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; {4} Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. {5} For as the sufferings



of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. {6} And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. {7} And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

This section in 2 Corinthians 1 is one of the most powerful 'go to' group of verses on God's comfort.

(2 Cor 1:3) Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

Our Heavenly Father is the God of all comfort. This means He has it all! Have you ever asked yourself what comfort is? In the Greek, it means 'a calling alongside.' It's like someone coming to your side and putting his arm around your shoulder. When someone does this, it is meant to be comforting. If you can imagine how you'd feel when this happens, you can begin to imagine how you'd start

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to feel when God comforts you. He brings you solace.

God comforts us according to his standard.

(2 Cor 1:4) Who comforteth us in all our tribulation [mental pressure], that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble [mental pressure], by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

We quickly learn that God's sweet solace works with any and all forms of mental pressure we'd ever encounter. God's comfort is so great that there's enough to share with others going through mental pressure too. We need to learn to spread this wealth to others because God's comfort is a prized possession to have.

(2 Cor 1:5) For as the sufferings of Christ abound

in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

We share in Christ's sufferings, and as they abound in us, so, too, will comfort. God comforted Christ and that same comfort will extend to us.

(2 Cor 1:6) And whether we be afflicted [mental pressure], it is for your consolation [comfort] and salvation [safety], which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer [sense]: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation [comfort] and salvation [safety].

There is a lot of information in verse six. We learn that our mental pressure actually brings comfort and safety from God. It actually allows us to sense Christ's sufferings and receive comfort.

(2 Cor 1:7) And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation [comfort].

Whether you like it or not, you will sense Christ's sufferings because you have Christ in you, and you will share of God's comfort too. This is really special.

(2 Cor 1:8-10) For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: {9} But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: {10} Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

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I trust that your situation will not be as close to death as was Paul's. But if it is, God's comfort will call you along side of Him and care for you just as it did Paul and Christ. Trust in God for His comfort and expect Him to love and care for you no matter your mental pressures.

Much love in Christ,

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