God of All Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Main Idea: God, who is the source of all comfort, mercifully and abundantly comforts his people in their affliction through the Lord Jesus Christ.

• 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God is the source of all comfort.

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.
 - o Psalm 131

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Merciful Comfort through Christ

- 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
 - **■** Romans 5:1-5

Abundant Comfort through Christ

- ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:10

Comfort through Christ to one another

- ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.
 - Philippians 1:6

So What?

- Are we relying on God or on ourselves during times of affliction?
 - ⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.
 - 1 Peter 5:6-11
- Are we trusting God for deliverance from affliction?
 - o ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.
 - 1 Timothy 4:10
- Are we giving ourselves to the necessity of prayer?
 - o 11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.
 - Romans 15:30