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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. (2 Cor. 1:3-5)

The comfort of our <u>home</u> forever...

"'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may know where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.'" (**John 14:1-4**)

There's only <u>one</u> door but <u>everyone's</u> invited – "Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (*John 14:5-6*)

... 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (**Rom. 10:13**)

The comfort of God's <u>help</u> for now...

• Strength and encouragement (God's empowerment*) - "If

you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth." (**John 14:15-17a**)*

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. (**Gal. 5:16**)

• <u>Consolation</u> and <u>assurance</u> (God's presence) – "The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you." (John 14:17b)

• <u>Counsel</u> and <u>direction</u> (God's guidance) – "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (**John 14:25-26**)

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13a)

Biblical peace is not having the <u>absence</u> of <u>strife</u>, it's having the <u>presence</u> of <u>God</u> to walk through it all...

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)