

## **THE COMFORT OF GOD**

### **2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

This is no doubt the greatest passage in the Bible on the subject of comfort. The word for comfort appears no less than 10 times in one form or another in these verses. This is nearly 1/3 of all that is said about comfort in the New Testament.

The believers in the church at Corinth were laboring with the impression that if Paul was an authentic apostle, why was he experiencing so much trouble, pain, and sorrow in his ministry. Paul defends his troubles by demonstrating in his life the overwhelming comfort of God that had been given to him in his trials.

Comfort is available to the believer in Jesus Christ. God vindicates his servants and authenticates them, not by giving them a carefree life, but by sustaining them with an overwhelming supply of his comfort. Problems, pain and suffering are the prescription for usefulness, comfort and encouragement for the servant of God.

#### **THEREFORE, WE MUST REJOICE IN THE COMFORT OF GOD.**

#### **WHY?**

##### **I. THE SOURCE OF OUR COMFORT (v. 3-4)**

- Comfort comes from \_\_\_\_\_ God's sovereignty.
- Comfort comes when we acknowledge God's role as \_\_\_\_\_.

##### **II. THE PROBLEM OF COMFORT (v. 4-7)**

- We must share in his \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 5)
- We must learn of his \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9-11)

##### **III. THE EXPERIENCE OF COMFORT (v. 4-11)**

- Through God's comfort, we learn to \_\_\_\_\_ completely on \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9)
- Through God's comfort, we are able to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 4)
- Through God's comfort, we learn \_\_\_\_\_.