

“God Comforts His Own”

- ⇒ **Text:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- ⇒ **Intro:**
 - This morning we want to look at four ways that God comforts His own.
- ⇒ **I. God Comforts with His Presence**
 - See Isaiah 41:10
 - See Psalm 46:1-3
 - See Psalm 18:2
 - See Psalm 22:24
- ⇒ **A.** Many Christians are insensitive to God's presence because they are too involved in personal pursuits.
- ⇒ **B.** God's presence brings great comfort, for we are never alone-not even during the battles of life.
 - See Hebrews 13:5
- ⇒ **C.** Prayer and faith bring the awareness of God's presence.
 - “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (Heb. 10:22).
- ⇒ **II. God Comforts with His Promises**
 - See Romans 15:4.
- ⇒ **A.** Many Christians neglect to read and meditate on God's Word.
 - They rob themselves of its reassurance.
- ⇒ **B.** After finding the promises that fit our area of need, we should read, memorize, and apply them to our needs.
- ⇒ **C.** Notice how the Apostle Peter referred to God's promises
 - See 2 Peter 1:4
- ⇒ **III. God Comforts with His Peace**
 - See Philippians 4:7
- ⇒ **A.** Today's world offers little peace.
 - Separation, divorce, war, strife, destruction, and terrorism abound.
- ⇒ **B.** Christians have God's peace to comfort them.
 - Abiding deep in the soul, His peace keeps our "hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" in the midst of trouble.
- ⇒ **C.** We must recognize God's peace and accept it.
 - Notice what Jesus said about His peace that He gives us.
 - See John 14:27
- ⇒ **IV. God Comforts Through His People**
 - See 2 Corinthians 1:4, “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.”
- ⇒ **A.** Self-centered Christians fall short when it comes to offering comfort to those in need.
- ⇒ **B.** Our love should reach out to those who are careworn and needy.
 - An uplifting word or a good deed may bring comfort to a troubled heart.
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
 - We have seen four ways that God comforts His own.
 - **I. God Comforts with His Presence**
 - **II. God Comforts with His Promises**

- **III. God Comforts with His Peace**
- **IV. God Comforts Through His People**
- o The key to receive God's comfort is that you must be one of His children.
 - God cannot comfort you if you are not one of his children.
- o The Bible tells us despite what the world says that not everyone is God's child.
 - The Bible is clear how one becomes a child of God.
 - **See Gal. 3:26.**
- o My friend if you want God's comfort then you need to be saved, born-again from above by God's Holy Spirit.
 - Won't you call upon the name Lord and be saved today.
 - The Word of God says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

