

“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**
 - ⇒ **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.