

## Where Can We Find Comfort?

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### INTRODUCTION:

1. We live in a world plagued by sin

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Galatians 3:22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

**1 John 5:19** *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

2. This sin brings misery

**Ecclesiastes 2:23** For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

**Romans 2:9** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

3. Where or to whom does one go for comfort?

(a) Drugs? Alcohol? Entertainment?

(b) Relationships? Religion? Philosophy?

4. What is comfort? In order to understand the value of the source we need a clear understanding what it is.

(a) (parakaleo) “to call alongside of, summon for assistance” To comfort is to cheer and encourage, to console, to dispel grief by imparting strength.

(b) Who then, is the greatest source of comfort? Who do we want alongside of us to impart strength?

### DISCUSSION:

#### **I. God is the source of all comfort**

A. He Loves us

**1 John 4:8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**Romans 5:6-8** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

B. He is Sovereign

**Isaiah 66:1** Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the

house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

**Psalms 135:6** Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

C. Demonstrated in Christ, **John 3:16, Rom. 5:6-8.**

## II. Christ's Words brings comfort

A. Examples

**Matthew 9:22** But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

**Luke 7:13** And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

B. His promise

**John 14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

**John 14:15-16** If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

**John 14:18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

C. The Spirit brings the words of Christ

**John 14:26** But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

## III. We should comfort one another

A. God and Christ abide with us when we abide in Christ's word.

**John 14:23-24** Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

B. To abide in His word is to love one another.

**John 15:12-14** This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

**John 15:17** These things I command you, that ye love one another.

i. Bear one another's burdens.

**Galatians 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

C. We comfort others by sharing the Word

**1 Thessalonians 4:18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**CONCLUSION:** In this world plagued by sin, we are often in distress. We find comfort in sharing with one another the presence of God and Christ through the Word.