



Disciples of the Way Ministries

*A Ministry of People of All Nations
reaching out to People from All Nations*

The Gift of Comfort in Our Suffering

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Father who is full of mercy, the God of **all comfort**. **He comforts** us every time we have trouble so that when others have trouble, **we can comfort** them with the **same comfort** God gives us. **We share in the many sufferings of Christ**. In the same way, **much comfort** comes to us through Christ. If we have troubles, **it is for your comfort and salvation**. **If we are comforted**, it is so that **we can comfort you**. And this helps you patiently accept the same sufferings we have. Our hope for you is strong. We know that you share in our sufferings.*

II Corinthians 1:3–6

This passage contains profound praise to God for **His comfort** of all in affliction. Paul connects Christian suffering to the sufferings of Christ. This shows the Corinthians how Paul's suffering and **the comfort** he has received from God during it have been for their benefit. Paul has experienced grave suffering recently, bringing him and his co-workers to the edge of death. The God who raises the dead has delivered them. Paul invites the Corinthians to participate in the celebration of God's power by continuing to pray for Paul and his companions and to give thanks for God's deliverance.

So what does II Corinthians 1:3-6 mean for us today?

As I write this article about the **Gift of Comfort in our suffering this week**, many of our missionaries and staff are STILL out of power and water (compliments of #Snowvid-21). On the top of this, some of us are still dealing with Covid-19 or grieving because of the loss of our loved ones to it. Some of our workers were forced to leave their own ‘flooded’ homes due to the explosion of frozen pipes and severe cold weather conditions. That worker says...**The comfort** one feels in their own home is special in our daily lives. **The comfort** that comes from our faith in God is the Blessing that allows one to accept the



loss of material items and give Thanks always for the strength, **comfort** and the promise of eternal life bought for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." One of our very friendly social workers, became severely depressed due to the lack of making her regular home visits and praying with her Muslim neighbors. She said "I feel like I am running out of oxygen staying home alone all day and not being able to go visit my lonely neighbors in person and bring them **comfort**". She added, "I am really suffering inside, so help me Jesus." After all, why would such a servant of Christ with such access to **God's power** experience so much suffering? Our Muslim neighbors are quick to judge: "*Shouldn't Christians experience more victory than defeat?*" This is a common belief of non-Christian religions: "*that those truly favored by God are immune to earthly suffering.*"



The "Comfort Blanket" Ministry Continues

Like Paul in Corinth- Disciples of The Way ministry in Dallas' related suffering enabled our missionaries to continue sowing seeds of faith by providing "**Comfort Blankets**" to bring **Comfort** and peace to our neighbors from all nation in the way only Jesus Christ can give. We are in the business of providing our neighbors, and their children, with blankets of righteousness because of their faith in Christ who will cloth them with the garments of salvation.

We serve our neighbors and their children and plant seeds of hope trusting the Holy Spirit will cause Faith and righteousness to Grow and sprout out before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:10-11 ESV



Our suffering in Christ serves a great

purpose in the Kingdom of God. The same afflictions which brought Paul and the Corinthians **comfort** in times of trouble have also brought the Missionaries of Disciples of the Way and their Muslim neighbors **comfort** in their afflictions.

Read again how many times and ways the Apostle Paul uses the word **Comfort** in these few verses: Like Paul, our missionaries give *Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ every day because He is the Father who is full of mercy, the God of all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble so that when others – like our lost and confused neighbors-have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us.*

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Paul has shown that abundant suffering in Christ brings **abundant comfort** in Christ (verse: 5) and that those who have been **comforted** by God are able to **comfort** others (verse:4). Now he adds that his affliction leads to **God's comfort**, which he is then able to use for **comforting** the Corinthians when they suffer.

Because Christ's suffering bring us **Comfort**, Paul says confidently that the Corinthians will suffer, as well, just as he suffers. They will patiently endure their suffering, as he does, and then they will receive God's strengthening, encouraging **comfort**.

Paul shows that his suffering is not evidence of a lack of power as an apostle. Instead, suffering for others, as Christ did, is in his job description and that,



every believer will experience suffering.
"Sorry, No Cross,
No Comfort, No Salvation."

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