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The Comfort of God ***Dan Jenkins***

Who has not in their lifetime had those dark and trying periods when hope was almost gone? What congregation has not experienced anxiety as turmoil developed between brethren? Evidently, the church at Rome was dealing with all kinds of problems—there were false teachers seeking to Judaize the Gentiles by demanding that they must be circumcised to enter heaven. There was also strife between brothers where the stronger brothers had little compassion for those who were weaker.

How did God address such turmoil? When Paul gets to the fifteen chapter of Romans he utters this prayer. “May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like minded toward one another...that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (15:5-6). How did Paul see that turmoil coming to an end? He turned to God—the One who gives both comfort and patient endurance.

This is where true comfort is found. Paul described God as the God of all comfort, and then said that He “...comforts us in all our troubles (2 Cor. 1:5-6). Pay special attention to that three letter word in this passage. God is not just the One who sometimes comforts us in certain situations—He is the God of all comfort in all our trials.

How does God give us comfort? Look again at Romans chapter fifteen. It is in verse five where God is described as the God of comfort and patience. Look at verse four. "For whatsoever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

To whom do we turn for comfort? It is to God. To where do we turn? It is the Scriptures the God of comfort has given us. You have experienced this in those dark times when you walked through deep valleys, like the valley of the shadow of death. Your soul found relief at such times, and you sang the song given by David. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me" (Psa. 23:3). You sang the psalm and the words from the God of all comfort lifted your soul.

It is not just in those Old Testament passages where comfort is found. When those in Thessalonica were concerned about those brethren who had died, the God of comfort gave His word to them and then added, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18).

So the next time clouds arise and darkness prevails, pick up your Bible. Read the comforting words from the God of all comfort. Meditate on what He says to you, and these words of comfort will bring hope in the midst of the deepest despair.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Leslie Callis,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Ruby Malone, Betty Green,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - Fruit of the Spirit -
Patience
Galatians 5:22-23

PM - How Jesus Changes Us
Matthew 22:37

Happenings

South Jackson

February 15

Monthly Men's Business
Meeting

Cards to Send

Freddie Callis
201 North Tennessee Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
201 Ed Morre Road
Bech Bluff, TN 38313

Weekly Record

Bible Class	ICE
AM Worship	36/27
PM Worship	ICE
Wed Bible Study	28/4
Contribution	3507
Budget	3500

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 8 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Van McConnell
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: TBA
Closing Prayer: Louie Leroux
Communion: Greg Long

Feb 11 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Colton Brown

Feb 15 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Greg Long
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM