

# **Comfort in Suffering**

II Corinthians 1:1-8

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“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 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. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:”

Verse 4 we see that we are comforted by God in order to comfort one another in tribulation with the same comfort given to us.

Verse 5 we see that His Comfort abounds hand in hand with his Sufferings. Cf. Matt 5:10-12

Verse 7 says that those who are partakers of His Sufferings will be Partakers of His Comfort. Cf. Rom 8:17

Lets look at some illustrations of Christ’s comfort in our sufferings:

## I. Paul in the Storm- Acts 27

- A. A storm arose and threatened Paul’s life- 20-22
- B. The storm’s fury left others fearing death- 20-22
- C. Paul’s comfort in Suffering-23-25
  - 1. Notice where Paul was when the Angel of the Lord appeared to him

## II. Paul and Silas in Sing Sing- Acts 16

- A. Paul and Silas were put away for doing good- 16-24
- B. Thrown into the deepest part of the prison as if they were the worst convicts in there – 24
- C. Paul and Silas comforted each other by prayer and singing- 25
- D. Comfort in Suffering – 26

## III. Stephen gets Stoned – Acts 6:-7

- A. Stephen was accused of blasphemy – 6:8-15
- B. Stephen answers the charges with scriptural authority – 6:13-7:50

- C. Stephen preached the flat out honest truth – 7: 51-54
- D. Insanity of Sin- 7:55
- E. Stephen is Stoned- 7:55-60
- F. Comfort in Suffering 7:55-56

IV. Shadrach Meshack and Abednego take an unpopular Stand - Daniel 3:

- A. The King set up a golden idol and ordered ALL to bow – 1-6
- B. These 3 Men refused to bow- 7-12
- C. Thrown into the fiery furnace bound – 19-23
- D. The King looked in and recounted- 23-26
- E. Comfort in Suffering – 27-28

V. Daniel’s restful night Sleep – Daniel 6

- A. Daniel’s Spotless Record- 3-5
- B. Darius’ Stupid Rule- 6-9
- C. Daniel Stayed Right- 10-13
- D. Darius’ Sad Reply – 14-17
- E. Daniel Still Remained – 18-21
- F. Daniel’s Saviour Remembered (was and did) – 22-23
- G. Comfort in Suffering

VI. Paul’s thorn in the Side – II Cor 12:7-10

- A. Unknown to us, Paul’s thorn in the flesh was something that he wanted removed.
- B. God refused to remove this “messenger of Satan”
- C. “My Grace is Sufficient for thee”
- D. Comfort in Suffering

VII. Grave-side Scripture- I Thess 4:13-18

- A. We Sorrow not as others who have no hope – 13
- B. Sleeping Believers will live again – 14-16, John 11:25
- C. We who remain will also be caught up together in the air and see the Lord face to face – 17
- D. We are to COMFORT one another with these words – 18, John 14:1-3
  1. I Thess 5:11- Comfort yourselves together
  2. I Thess 5:14- Comfort the feebleminded

More Verses on Comfort in the Bible:  
2 Cor 2:7, Hebrews 4:14-16, I Peter 4:12-19