

COMFORT

It has been a pretty harsh season in regards to sickness in our area. In times of such illness, it is extremely hard to feel comfort. Though we can rejoice in the comfort of a cold glass of 7-UP or a couple of Saltine crackers given to us by a spouse or mother, the ailments that bring our bodies into virtual failure still remain.

It is not in this physical life that one will receive ultimate comfort. We can, however, take delight in the fact that we have been offered true comfort in promise.

1. Comfort Can Only Be Found ***In Christ***.
 - a. In Christ we find comfort that there is life after death (1 Cor. 15:20).
 - b. In Christ we enjoy all Spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).
 - c. In Christ we have remission of sins (1 Cor. 15:17; Acts 2:38).
 - d. In Christ we are sanctified (1 Cor. 1:2).
 - e. In Christ we are children of God (Gal. 3:26-27).
 - f. In Christ we are saved (2 Tim. 2:10).
 - g. One can be in Christ if he:
 - i. Hears the Word (Rom. 10:17).
 - ii. Believes the Word (John 8:24).
 - iii. Repents of sin (Luke 13:3).
 - iv. Confesses that Jesus is the Christ (Rom. 10:9-10).
 - v. Is Baptized in order to have his sins washed away (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rev. 1:5).
 - vi. Remains Faithful to God (Rev. 2:10; 1 John 1:6-10).
2. We Can Comfort One Another With ***The Word of God*** (2 The. 4:18).
 - a. The Word of God is Truth (John 17:17).
 - b. The Word of God can lead men unto salvation (Rom. 1:16-17).
 - c. The Word of God can set men free (John 8:31-32).
3. Ultimate Comfort Awaits Those Who Will ***Be Faithful*** (Heb. 4:9; Rev. 2:7, 10; 3:5, 21; 21:7).

Many in the world seek comfort from wealth (1 Tim. 6:10) and in accomplishing their own desires (Pro. 14:12; Jud. 21:25). Others seek comfort in the traditions and doctrines of men (Mat. 15:9) and teachers who will scratch their ears (2 Tim. 4:3). Let us seek comfort in the Word of God and spread that joyous message to others. Let us be faithful to God so that we can look forward to the comfort of Heaven that still awaits.

