

Many are not comforted – will we let the God of all Comfort be our Comforter?

The unconverted person: Eccl 4:1 **So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power (Satan); but they had no comforter.** KJV

The fallen away Christian: Lam 1:8-9 **Jerusalem sinned greatly, Therefore she has become an unclean thing. ...She did not consider her future. Therefore she has fallen astonishingly; She has no comforter. “See, O LORD, my affliction, For the enemy (Satan) has magnified himself!”** NASU

But, God brings us comfortless ones good news of imparting to us His Comfort and Joy

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's powers when we were gone astray
Glad tidings of comfort and joy
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How does the God of all comfort bring comfort to our hearts, who have no comforter?

2 Cor 1:3-4 **Blessed be the...God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

Ps 23:4 **Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me (by) Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

God Himself is to comfort us, by His rod and His staff, that is, by His word and His Spirit:

1. God comforts, encourages and inspires me to trust Him, by His words, as I believe them

Ps 119:50 **This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.**

Ps 119:76 **Let, I pray, Your lovingkindness (Your word) comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant (as I believe what He says I'm comforted). NASU**

Rom 15:4 **...So that we through the...comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.**

1 Thes 4:18 **Therefore comfort one another's hearts with these words (of God).**

2. God will comfort, encourage and inspire me to trust Him as I submit to His Holy Spirit

John 14:26 (Jesus) **But the Comforter, Who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.** KJV

Acts 9:31 **Then the churches...walking in the fear of the Lord** (that is, trusting and obeying Him) **and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.**

The mystery of Christ is that He, when known spiritually, is the word and Spirit of God:

John 1:14 **And the Word** (of God) **became flesh and dwelt among us...(Jesus)**

John 14:15-16 (Jesus) **If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Father and He will give you another Comforter, and He will never leave you.**

17-18 **He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads you into all truth** (He teaches us God's words and gives us God's understanding of them)...**I (Jesus) will not leave you comfortless; I (Jesus) will come to you** (as the Holy Spirit). TLB/KJV

Jesus, my comforter, is both the spoken word and the Spirit who speaks to my spirit:

Col 2:2-3 **So that their hearts may be comforted, having been knit together in love, attaining to...the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge** (and comfort). NASU

Since God is the God of "all" comfort, I won't find true comfort for my heart and my will in anything else except Him – as Jesus Christ, by His words I believe and His Spirit I obey.

O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Spirit from Heaven, the Father's promise given;
O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found;
The Comforter has come!

Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!

O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine
To wondering mortals tell the matchless grace divine;
That I, a child of hell, should in His likeness shine!
The Comforter has come!

Prov 1:33 **Whoever listens to Me** (to the words I speak and to the voice of My Spirit to their spirit) **will live safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil.**

Jer 7:23 **Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people ...so that it may be well with you** (and I will be your God of "all" comfort).