COMFORT

Most all people like comfort. We don’t like pain, knotty problems or disturbances. What the apostle Paul said about the subject to the Corinthians impressed me. He used the word “comfort” or “comforted” 17 times in his 2nd letter to them.

Most of the time he spoke of the comfort was what he and they received from God because of their suffering because of their Christian living. In 2 Cor. 1:3-4 he said “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” (ASV emphasis mine)

When things go awry for us, we all need comfort. Some of that comfort comes from our close associates, family, friend, fellow Christians. But the comfort which we most need comes only from one place, God. Those who suffer because they are Christians, know that comfort more than anyone else.

God’s promises are sure and comforting. What happens to us here on this planet is not the ultimate. There is something better and greater. “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?” (Heb. 13:6) “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?” (Rom. 8:31)

While we like to be comforted here and now, it is God’s comfort that will see us through.

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