

## The God of Comfort – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

### I. The Source of Mercy and Comfort (v. 3)

1. Our God is the Father of \_\_\_\_\_ and God of all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God has blessed us with every \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavenly places in \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ephesians 1:3)
3. God's abundant mercy has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:3)
4. The Psalmist prayed, "LORD, be \_\_\_\_\_ to me; heal my soul, for I have \_\_\_\_\_ against You." (Psalm 41:4)
5. We are to be \_\_\_\_\_, just as our Father is \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 6:36)

### II. The Reaction to Comfort (v. 4)

6. God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in times of trouble so that we are able to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
7. In 2 Corinthians 7:6, how did Paul receive comfort? \_\_\_\_\_
8. If one church member suffers, then all church members should \_\_\_\_\_ with them. (1 Corinthians 12:26)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ with those who \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with those who \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 12:15)

### III. Because of Christ's Suffering (v. 5)

10. If we share in Christ's suffering, then we too will be \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ.
11. What was Paul's reaction to his suffering for the church? (Colossians 1:24) \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. How did Peter and the disciples react after being arrested for preaching about Jesus? (Acts 5:41) \_\_\_\_\_
12. According to 2 Timothy 3:12, what must Christians face with certainty? \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Building Spiritual Strength (v. 6)

13. If Paul and his co-workers were afflicted, then it was for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Corinthians.
14. When we experience difficult times, spiritual benefits can be realized by the production of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:2-3)
15. As troubles come along, we must not \_\_\_\_\_. Even though our physical self is \_\_\_\_\_, our inner self is being \_\_\_\_\_ day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

**V. Comfort for the Sufferer (v. 7)**

16. Paul told the Corinthians, "Our \_\_\_\_\_ for you is steadfast."
17. If we have died with Christ, then we shall also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. If we \_\_\_\_\_, we shall also \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. (2 Timothy 2:11–12)
18. Paul told the Thessalonians to \_\_\_\_\_ each other with words about Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and the resurrection. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
19. A promise of comfort to the faithful:  
"And God will wipe away every \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes; there shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_. There shall be no more \_\_\_\_\_, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)