



Unwrapping  
Comfort  
at Christmas





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“We believe that there is one living and true God an infinite all knowing spirit one in essence eternally existing in three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,

“and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:16-17



“Once you get to know him ....”

1. God the Father comforts.

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures. He  
leads me beside still waters. He restores my  
soul.

“He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:1-4

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of  
all comfort, who comforts us in all our  
affliction,

“so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn — fighting without and fear within. But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus ...”

2 Corinthians 7:5-6

1. God the Father comforts.

2. **God the Son** comforts.



“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate [Comforter] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

1 John 2:1

“For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.”

2 Corinthians 1:5

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2. God the Son comforts.
3. **God the Spirit** comforts.

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper [Comforter], to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you ....

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper [Comforter], the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:25-57

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Comfort is an active ally creating peace when life is broken.

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you ...

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ...”

John 16:7-13

It is to our advantage that Jesus left and sent the Spirit.

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- **Do** - Talk to a member of the Trinity for specific comfort.

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