



Unwrapping
Comfort
at Christmas

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“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.**

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

“If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

“Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.”

1 Corinthians 1:3-7

“I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

“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, and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more ...
Therefore we are comforted.

“And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.”

2 Corinthians 7:4-13

“But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you —

“for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction **we have been comforted about you through your faith.**”

1 Thessalonians 3:6-7

“For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.”

Philemon 1:7

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I am an **active ally** creating peace when someone else's life is broken.

I am a **comforter**.

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Do - Write a comfort postcard.