



Unwrapping  
 Comfort  
at Christmas





“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us **eternal comfort and good hope** through grace, comfort your hearts and **establish them in every good work and word.**”

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Eternal comfort  
+  
good hope  
=  
established waiting

Eternal comfort

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good hope

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established life

What are we waiting for now?

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The culmination of comfort

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, **that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.**”

1 Thessalonians 4:13



“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

“For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left **until the coming of the Lord**, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will **always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.**”

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”

Revelation 7:17

The culmination of comfort

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God wiping away every tear



“... and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:4b

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**”

Revelation 22:20

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13