



Unwrapping
 Comfort
at Christmas





What is comfort?

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

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”

Romans 8:19-22

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”

Romans 5:12

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Genesis 3:14-15

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Comfort Clue - **Offspring**

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Comfort Clue -

God will solve the **problem of brokenness** between him and humanity.

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Genesis 26:4

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God's comfort is for **everyone**.

“... in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Genesis 26:4b

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Comfort Clue -

God's comfort arrives through **Israel** (Jacob).

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the rulers staff from beneath his feet ...”

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Comfort Clue -

God's comfort will be a **king from Judah.**

“... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

2 Samuel 7:13

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Comfort Clue -

God's comforting king arrives through **David's line** and will rule forever.

“David shall never lack a successor on the throne of the house of Israel.”

Jeremiah 33:17b

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD ... look to Abraham
your father and to Sarah who bore you ...

“For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.”

Isaiah 51:1-3

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the
LORD has comforted his people and will have
compassion on his afflicted.”

Isaiah 49:13

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God’s comfort is so sure that he talks to his
people as if it has **already happened**.

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“Lord now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.”

Luke 2:29-31

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me to bring
good news to the poor; he has sent me to
bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to the captives, and the opening of the prison
to those who are bound;

“to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion —

“to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.”

Isaiah 61:1-3

“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:21b

“Therefore, as one trespass led to
condemnation for all men,

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Romans 5:18

“For as by the one man’s disobedience [Adam] the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience [Jesus] the many will be made righteous.”

Romans 5:19

“For in him [Jesus] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20

Jesus is COMFORT.

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