

"THE MINISTRY OF COMFORT / CONSOLATION"

II CORINTHIANS 1:3-7

I. THE SOURCE OF COMFORT / CONSOLATION (1:3)

- A. God Is Declared To Be The Source Of 100% Of It
- B. God Is Available To Supply It 24/7 In Any Circumstance
- C. God's Method Of Comfort/Consolation Includes The Utterance & Reception Of His Words

II. THE OBJECTS OF COMFORT / CONSOLATION (1:4a)

- A. Believers
- B. Unbelievers Cannot & Do Not Receive The Words Of God

III. THE PURPOSE OF COMFORT / CONSOLATION (1:4b-5)

- A. God Expects Us To Take The Comfort That We've Received From Him & Minister That Very Thing To Someone Else's Need (1:4b)
- B. Paul Offers Himself As "Exhibit A" Of How This Works (1:5)
 - 1. We Are Naturally Selfish In This Area
 - 2. One Wonders If That Selfishness Puts A Limitation On God

IV. THE RESULT(S) OF COMFORT / CONSOLATION (1:6-7)

- A. It Produces Patience In Our Lives (1:6)
- B. It Produces Fellowship In Our Lives (1:7)