

SERMON NOTES

I. DEFINITIONS OF COMFORT

II. A DIFFERENT SORT OF COMFORT

*Consol, Counsel, Confront, Convey, act
as Counsel*

III. GOD'S COMFORT

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WE ARE A FAMILY OF GOD, BOUND TOGETHER TO
GLORIFY AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER. WE DO THIS BY
SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST,
STRENGTHENING EACH OTHER IN HIM, AND
SHOWING HIM TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:45-56

Remember your word to your servant, in which You have made me hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.

When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.

WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

Trinity Hymnal #38

WE CONFESS OUR SINS PUBLICALLY AND SILENTLY

Mighty God, you rule with power and wisdom over the entire universe, and yet you delight in us. We are dependent on you entirely for all things; wean us from all our other dependences. You are the fountain of goodness; why should we be so anxious about what will happen to us? In the light of your favor, the world and all its pleasures are infinitely poor, yet we continue to be drawn to them in so many sinful ways. Forgive us for relying on our own wisdom and strength; for the hours we spend trying to rescue ourselves from pain, suffering, and sin, when you have already rescued us in your Son. Forgive us for frantically building our own lives day after day, when you have called us to rest in you, and for choosing to sin over and over again to advance our agendas, instead of speaking the truth and trusting you to deliver us from the losses that we fear we cannot survive. Heavenly Father, our minds and hearts are full of the sins of self-reliant pride; forgive us.

Barbara R. Duguid and Wayne Duguid Houk, *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*, ed. Iain M. Duguid (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2014), 60.

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN

Psalm 103:11-14

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

OH GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD (PS 107)

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #89 & 90

Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 2:20-22

Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

I'LL NOT BE SHAKEN

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WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 51:11-13

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. "I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor?"

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

Bill Grabb

I pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus: _____

WE WORSHIP GOD BY GIVING OFFERINGS

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COMFORT COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

Trinity Hymnal #197

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS (DOXOLOGY)

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow / Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

"The God of All Comfort"

Pastor Michael Colvard

2 Corinthians 1:1-4

GOD FEEDS US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All the bread is gluten, and nut free. Wine is on the outer ring; inside rings are juice. Please dispose of cups on your way out of the Sanctuary.)

BE THOU MY VISION

Trinity Hymnal #197

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)

If you need prayer, the elder who prayed earlier in the service will be happy to meet you up front