



The Calling and Conditioning of God's Comfort 2 Corinthians 1

2 Corinthians 1:3-9 (HCSB)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so our comfort overflows through Christ. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is experienced in the endurance of the same sufferings that we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will share in the comfort. For we don't want you to be unaware, brothers, of our affliction that took place in the province of Asia: we were completely overwhelmed--beyond our strength--so that we even despaired of life. However, we personally had a death sentence within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead.

I. God gives Overflowing Comfort.

Verse 3 – "...the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort."

Verse 5 – "...our comfort overflows through Christ."

Nehemiah 9:17 (ESV)

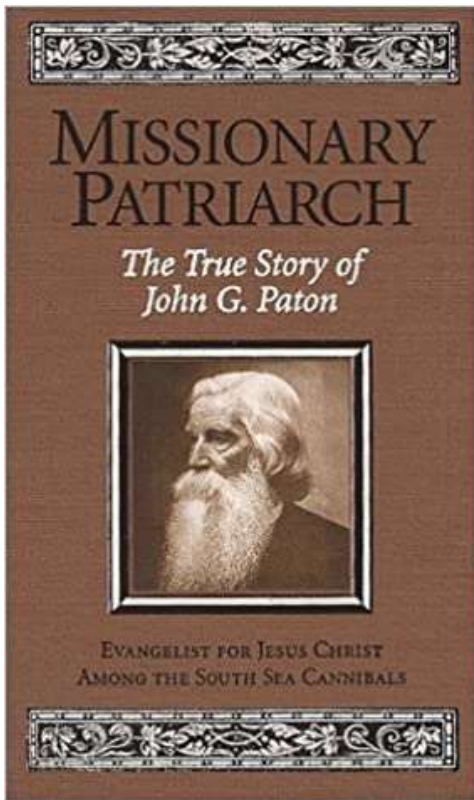
"But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Psalms 78:37-39 (NIV)

Their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant. Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

II. God gives Overflowing Comfort to His children.

Verse 4 - "He comforts us..."



III. God gives Overflowing Comfort to his Children in all their troubles.

Verse 4 – “He comforts us in all our affliction”

Psalms 34:19 (ESV)

Many adversities come to the one who is righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all.

IV. God gives Overflowing Comfort to his Children in all their troubles so that they can comfort others.

Verse 4 - “...so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

