

## **Comfort and Joy**

### **Part Two - The Comfort of Christmas**

#### **Luke 2:14**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

#### **Isaiah 61:1**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

- **Christmas promises comfort.**

#### **John 16:33**

“I’ve told you this so that my peace will be with you. In the world you’ll have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world.”

- **Faith chooses comfort over what’s comfortable.**

#### **Matthew 5:4**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

#### **Psalms 23:4**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

#### **John 16:13**

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

### **How God Comforts Us**

#### **1. God comforts us through His Word.**

##### **Romans 15:4**

For the things that were written beforehand were written for our instruction that we, through patient endurance and through the comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

#### **2. God comforts us through His Holy Spirit.**

##### **Acts 9:31**

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace. The number of people increased as people lived in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

##### **John 14:26**

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all the things that I have said unto you.”

### **3. God comforts us through His family.**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

...comfort one another and build one another up just as you have done.

- **The comfort of Christmas is found in the good will God promises.**

#### **Isaiah 51:12**

“I, even I, am he who comforts you.”

#### **Isaiah 66:13**

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...

#### **1 Peter 2:10**

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### **Revelation 3:12**

“I will write on him the name of my God...”