

*“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies, and **The God Of All Comfort; Who Comforteth Us** in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the Comfort wherewith we ourselves are Comforted of God. For as the Sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our Consolation also aboundeth by Christ.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 KJV*

Pain and sorrow are inevitable facts of mortal life. We might be able to help another through a trial if we have successfully endured it ourselves, but there are as many unique scenarios of trouble as there are unique individuals. Many of our troubles are self-inflicted or only imagined through worry and fear and not really troubles at all except in our own mind. We often hear the expression, “Peace of mind,” but it often becomes an illusive dream just out of reach of our ability, and therein lies the paradox; WE can’t reach it. True Peace can only come from the “God of all Comfort.” It is an attribute of the Gift of faith, which comes to us by the Word of God. God’s Word heard and believed becomes the “Peace that passeth ALL understanding.” It is our Rock in every storm and the Anchor of Hope in every sea! But there is no Comfort for the unbelieving soul. *“My brethren, count it all Joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack Wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”* I can be Joyful in trouble through faith in God’s Word I have proved to be stalwart and trustworthy through trusting obedience. You cannot know the stability of the bridge if you fail to cross it. It is only when we use the Bridge of Faith through obedience that we conquer the chasm of doubt looming beneath and leave our fear behind! *“Let not Mercy and Truth forsake thee: bind Them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”* Trouble is of little concern to those who have the Word of God directing their thoughts and securing their mind; but it is worthless to the unbelieving soul who cannot but drown in the sea of Condemnation into which they are born! I need not doubt the Rock upon which I stand in the storm, but trust in its stedfastness in the worst of it for God is not affected by the circumstance that beats upon Him! Therein lies all my Comfort for I am safe in Him!



Secure within God’s Secret Place,
I find His never-changing Face,
He is my Hope and resting Place,
Despite what trouble has erased. –CGP

Many times my heart aches for the troubles of my family, friends, and others, but I am only as much help to them as my faith in God. Oh, I can give them physical help and I should if able, but it should not stop there. In other words, I can help them best find peace of mind by introducing them to the God of Perfect Peace and Comfort by Giving them His Word and teaching them its Everlasting Truth! God will Comfort your soul when you are alone in the tempest, but you have to believe Him to receive it.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 KJV