

The Triune Comforter

2 Thessalonians 2:8-17



1) God the Father is our Comforter.

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). He is the God of every kind of encouragement. He faithfully comforts us “in all our tribulation” (2 Cor. 1:4). Those believers who are comforted and encouraged by God the Father are then able to comfort others who are going through severe trials. Those comforted by God should become helpful comforters to others (2 Cor. 1:4).

2) God the Holy Spirit is our Comforter.

“Comforter” is His blessed title four times in our Lord’s Upper Room Discourse (John 14:16, 14:26; 15:26; 16:7). In Greek, the word *paraklētos* means “one who is called to our side to help, to comfort, to encourage.” How wonderful to be indwelt by the perfect Comforter and Helper! One of His ministries is to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). Indeed, He’s the Author of the Word of Truth which is the very source of comfort (Rom. 15:4).

3) The Lord Jesus Christ is our Comforter.

Isaiah introduced his prophecy of the coming of the Messiah with these words: “Comfort ye, comfort ye My people” (Isaiah 40:1). The Son of God joins with God the Father in comforting the hearts of believers and giving them everlasting consolation, even eternal comfort (2 Thess. 2:16-17). The world could never give such comfort! The Lord Jesus provides tremendous comfort when we sin. If anyone sins, we have a *paraklētos* with the Father, a defense lawyer, one called to our side to help us in court, to answer all of the accusations (many of which are true) coming from the evil one (1 John 2:1-2).

Hallelujah, what a Comforter, what an Advocate! As those belonging to the Triune God, we have amazing access to God’s manifold comfort and overwhelming encouragement!

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