

## THE COMFORT OF CHRISTMAS - PART 1

Every single person needs to be comforted.

The Lord wants to give you comfort for your soul.

We can find comfort in a lot of temporal things (which can bring temporary comfort).

We need to find comfort in our Saviour which is the only thing that can bring true, deep, long lasting rest for our souls.

To comfort someone is to ease another's grief or distress. To console.

Who around you is hurting or grieving or in distress?

There are people all around us that need comforted.

The world is hurting and it needs a comforter.

Take comfort in being covered by the Lord.

Some of us want to be comforted by the Lord but we don't want to come under his covering.

If you want to experience the comfort of the Lord, you have to come under his covering.

When we come under the Lord's covering, we put our faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Financially speaking, what is your greatest debt?

How would you feel if someone paid off your highest debt today?

How would you feel about that person every time you saw them after they paid off your debt?

That is a small illustration of how we should feel about Jesus who paid a far bigger debt for us.

We need to be honest with ourselves and with God about the sin in our lives and the sin that we have committed.

If you have sins from the past that are plaguing you, that are not confessed, come into the Lord's covering, come into his forgiveness, come into his comfort.

Antiques that are broken down need to be restored in order to be useful.

God has a restoration process for our souls.

Are you willing to let God restore your soul?

Will you let him take apart things in your life, down to the core of your soul and put you back together in proper working order?

When we come under his covering, we are covered in his security.

If you are insecure you are unstable.

Security doesn't come from self confidence or from achieving some type of success.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

God will discipline us but he will not destroy us.

Only if we are operating in the comfort of the Lord can we truly comfort others.

Don't look for your comfort in material things.

### SCRIPTURE LIST

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Luke 2:10-11

Psalm 32:1-2

Psalm 130:1-4

Psalm 53:2-3 + 6

Jeremiah 46:27-28

Luke 6:24