

Edward Christian Church- **“God: Who is He?” -pt9 Mar 14, 2017**

*"Without faith it is impossible to please God,..anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists/ he rewards those who earnestly seek him" -Heb 11:6*

### **God Reveals Himself as the God of All Comfort**

**This World is So Full of Pain and Discomfort -Many Times We Feel Alone/ Even Forsaken – But God Wants Us to Know that He is Always with Us!**

*Since God assured us, “I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,” we can boldly quote, God is there, ready to help; I’m fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me God has not created you and set you adrift in the ocean of life. He not only knows the intimate details of your life, but He has your best interests foremost in His mind. **Heb 13:5-6 Message***

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." -2 Cor 1:3*

The Greek for comfort is *paraklesis* = *"a calling to one's side"* and *"an exhortation, or consolation"* and is sometimes translated as *"encouragement"*

**God’s Comfort Described... (functionally)**

- **Care for Me with Compassion**

*"He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious/ compassionate." -Psa 111:4*

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- **Offer Strength When I Am Weak**

*"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." -Philippians 4:13*

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- **Meet All My Needs**

*"My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." -Phi 4:19*

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- **Forget My Sins and Mistakes**

*"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." -Hebrews 8:12*

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- **Offer Hope for the Future**

*"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" -Jeremiah 29:11*

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- **Reassure Me of His Love**

*"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.'" -Jeremiah 31:3*

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- **Turn My Pain into Joy**

*"For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." -Psalm 30:5*

**Many people are in prison... as prisoners of their past. Wrong thinking imprisons them, by not knowing the God of Truth, who will set them free.**

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" -John 14:6*

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