
God's Comfort & Our Sufferings

1. Embrace Paul's Christ-centered Theology – of Worship & Suffering

- Know & praise God the Father:
thru Christ & in light of His mercies & comfort

- Thru our identification with Christ,
God comforts us so we may comfort the afflicted

- God worked thru Paul's afflictions & comforts:
and we experience Christ's comfort by patiently enduring like Paul

2. Heed Paul's Personal Testimony – about Suffering & God's Power

- Paul's apostolic ministry included suffering beyond his strength:
and despairing of life itself

- Feeling the sentence of death causes us to rely on God not
ourselves: who delivers us from deadly perils

- Gospel ministry is advanced through prayer:
and results in thanksgiving to God