

Forgive and Comfort

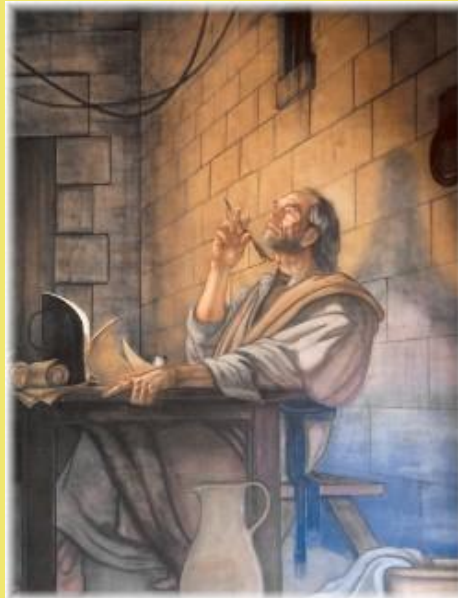
2 Corinthians 1-2





Bringing Comfort to Paul

“Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.”



2 Corinthians 1:11

Comforter—Holy Spirit

“And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you
another Comforter, that he
may abide with you for
ever.”

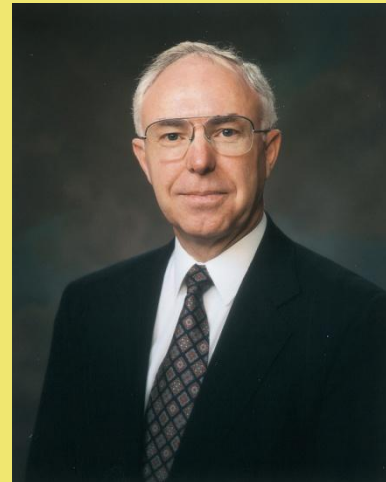


John 14:16



“I will not leave you
comfortless: I will come to
you.”

“...the first hour after my wife’s death I didn’t know how I could possibly stand it—how I could possibly go on without her. But then a sweet, peaceful spirit filled my soul, and since then I have had the assurance that everything will be all right.”



Spencer J. Condie

Where Can I turn for Peace?

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”



John 14:27

Consolation— Comfort, soothing, relief from grief



“And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the suffering, so shall ye be also of the consolation.”

John 14:27

A man does damage to
the Church by his
misconduct

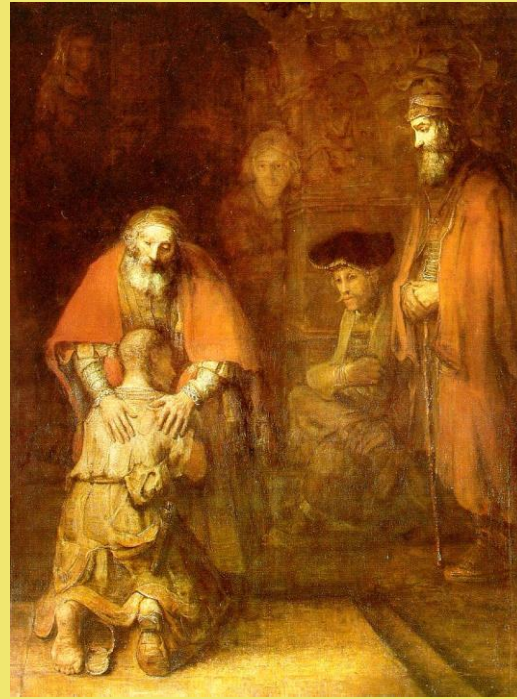
—1 Corinthians 5:1-6



Paul encourages the
congregation of
Corinth to forgive him
and comfort him.

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

“And whether we be afflicted, it is for our consolation and salvation...



...which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer...”

2 Corinthians 1:6

“So that contrariwise
ye ought rather to
forgive him, and
comfort him,...



... lest perhaps such a
one should be
swallowed up with
overmuch sorrow.”

2 Corinthians 2:7

Obedient in all things

“To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing...



...to whom I forgave it, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ;”

2 Corinthians 2:10

A Greater Sin

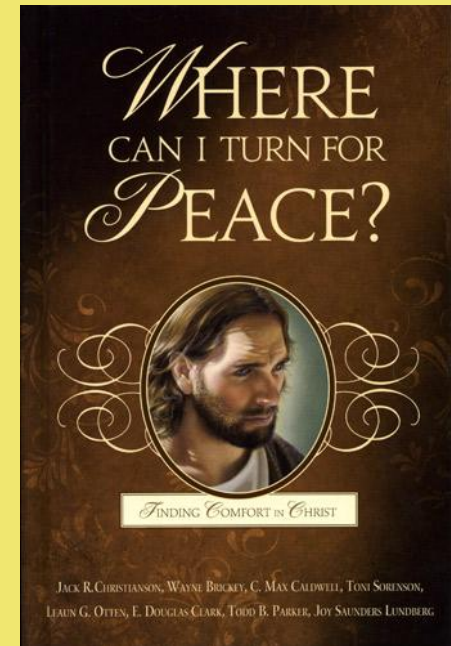
“...that ye ought to forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin.”



D&C 64:9-10

“I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men.”

“When we take the position of withholding forgiveness from our fellow men, we are attempting to block his progress towards salvation. This position is satanical and our motive is not Christlike. We are endeavoring to impede the progress of the living soul and deny him the forgiving blessings of the atonement. This philosophy is saturated with impure motives that are designed to destroy the soul.”



Leaun G. Otten and C. Max Caldwell

Satan uses the unforgiving spirit as a device to cause division between people.



“True compassion for one’s fellow men is a mark of a true saint. It consists in sorrow for their sufferings, in having pity and sympathy for them, and in exhibiting mercy, tenderness and kindness towards them”

Bruce R. McConkie

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