

## Be Comforted

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*“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you” (2 Corinthians 13:11).*

We all need comfort in times of loss or affliction. Many in the world lack comfort (Ecclesiastes 4:1), but if you will be a faithful Christian, you can have comfort. God’s faithful children will have comfort (Matthew 5:4).

Many in the world need comfort, but they go to the wrong place to find it. They turn to things like murder (Genesis 27:42), sexual immorality (Proverbs 7:18), alcohol and drugs (Proverbs 23:30), revenge (Romans 12:17-21), and outbursts of anger (Galatians 5:20). These things do not bring lasting comfort, only troubles.

A faithful Christian, however, can gain comfort in time of trouble from many good sources. A Christian can go to a godly spouse (Genesis 24:67), a loving family or friends (Job 42:11), or other godly Christians (Acts 16:40).

A faithful Christian can also gain comfort from prayer (Psa. 23:4; 86:17) and reading and meditating on God’s word (Psa. 119:50, 52, 76, 82).

The God of all comfort is ready to comfort you if you will live faithfully for him (2 Corinthians 1:1-3). - *Chris Reeves*

## Up-Coming Events

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- We are studying Romans in February. We have great Bible classes. Come check them out!
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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Calling on the Name of the Lord

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Great emphasis is placed upon “calling on the name of the Lord” in the religious world, but it is also greatly misunderstood. Many religious radio hosts and TV evangelists will tell people to “call on the name of the Lord”, but what they mean by it and what the scriptures teach are two different things.

The question is not, “*Should* a person call on the name of the Lord?” Of course a person should. The question is, “*How* does a person call on the name of the Lord?”

Calling on the name of the Lord is not just saying the name “Jesus” (Ac. 19:13-15). It is not merely recognizing Jesus as Lord. This is important, but there is more to it (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46).

Calling on the name of the Lord is not merely belief in Jesus or faith only. Faith alone is what the demons have, but it does not save (James 2:19,24). Neither is it praying the sinner’s prayer. Contrary to popular religious opinion, no one in the Bible was ever told to pray the sinner’s prayer to be saved.

Consider the following statements from a popular tract written by Billy Graham and titled, **Steps to Peace with God**. These statements reflect the popular opinion of today about calling on the name of the Lord:

“Step 4 – *Our Response: Receive Christ*”

“*We can receive Jesus Christ when we believe*

*in His Message and trust in Him alone to save us.*”

“*How to receive Christ:*”

“*1. Admit your need (I am a sinner). 2. Be willing to turn from your sins (Repent). 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Receive Him as your Savior).*”

“*What to Pray: Dear Jesus, I know that I am sinful and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died to pay the penalty for my sin. I want to turn from my sin nature and follow You instead. I invite You to come into my heart and life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*”

“*God’s Assurance: His Word*”

“*If you sincerely prayed this prayer and asked Jesus Christ to come into your life, do you know what He has given you?*”

“*The Bible Says ... ‘Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved’ Romans 10:13.*”

“*Your New Life:*”

“*When you receive Christ, you are born into God’s family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit, who indwells every believer ... this is called regeneration or ‘new birth.’ God bless you as you begin your wonderful new life in Christ. — Billy Graham*”

You can easily see from the above statements that admitting sin, plus repentance, plus faith only, plus praying the sinners prayer, equals calling on the name of the Lord. How-

ever, this is not what the scriptures teach.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said that “whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21). The people who heard Peter preach were pricked in the heart, they repented of their sins, they were baptized, and they were saved. Preaching, hearing, believing, repenting, and being baptized is all a part of calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 2:21,37-38,41).

Saul, later named Paul, did the same thing. He heard the Lord, repented, and was baptized. All of this was calling on the Lord (Acts 9:9,11,18; 22:16). Later Paul would write that preaching, hearing, believing, confessing, calling, and obeying all go hand in hand (Romans 10:8-17).

Also, calling on the name of the Lord does not end at conversion. Christians continue to call on the Lord by living faithfully. They do this by petitioning the Lord in prayer (Acts 7:59) and by continuing to live a godly, Christian life each day (Acts 9:14,21; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Timothy 2:22).

All must call upon the name of the Lord in the Lord’s appointed way. Don’t wait until it’s too late to call on the name of the Lord (Isaiah 55:6; Matthew 25:11-12). Why do you delay? Arise, be baptized, and call on the name of the Lord! (Acts 22:16) - *Chris Reeves*