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 is the God and Father of our Lord Father of our Lord Jesus   
 Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, Christ, the Father of iner-   
 and God of all comfort; \* who com- cies, and the God of all   
 forteth us in all our tribulation, that comfort ; 4 who conforteth   
 we may be able to comfort them us in all our tribulation,   
 which are in any tribulation, by the that we may be able to   
 comfort wherewith we ourselves are comfort them which are in   
 comforted of God. 5 Because \*as any trouble, by the comfort   
 the sufferings of Christ abound unto wherewith we ourselves are   
 us, even so through Christ aboundeth comforted of God. \* For   
 also our comfort. 6 But whether as the sufferings of Christ   
 we be in tribulation, ‘it is for your abound in us, so our con-   
 comfort and salvation, which worketh solation also aboundeth by   
 in the endurance of the same suf- Christ. © And whether we   
 ch. iv. ferings which we also suffer (and our be afflicted, it is your   
 hope is stedfast for you) ; or whether consolation and salvation,   
 we be comforted, it is for your com- which is effectual in the   
 enduring of the same suf-   
 ferings which we also suf-   
 fer: or whether we be   
 comforted, it is for your   
 consolation hope of you is   
 fort and salvation. 7 Knowing, that   
   
   
 come, but as I was hindered by troubles, that after all perhaps it best to regard it   
 forgive me, and do not charge me with con- merely as an idiomatic way of when   
 témpt of you, or fickleness of ut often only the singular is intended.   
 manages the matter in” another wa that we may be able] “The Apostle lived   
 more dignified and trustworthy manner, not for himself, but for the Church: so   
 exalting it by speaking of consolation in that whatever grace God conferred on   
 his troubles, that they might not even him, he thought given not for himself alone,   
 ask for the cause wherefore he disap- but to enable him the better to others.”   
 pointed them.” The postponed journey Calvin. 5.] ‘As He is, so are in this   
 to Corinth, through the latter part of the world’ 1 John iv. 17. as the suffer-   
 chapter, is coming more and more visibly ings of Christ (endured by Christ, whether   
 into prominenee, till it the direct in his own person, or in his body,   
 subject in ver. 23, 8.] Blessed the Church, see Matt. xxv. 40, 45) abound   
 (above all others) is the God and Fa- towards us (i.e. im our case, sce rett.),   
 ther of our Lord Jesus Christ] Here, even so through Christ our consolation   
 as in Rom. xv. 6, De Wette would render, also aboundeth.—The form of expression is   
 “God, and the Father ....,” which altered in the latter instead of “the   
 grammatically is allowable; but I prefer comfort of Christ aboundeth,” we have   
 the other rendering, on account of its through Christ aboundeth also our com-   
 greater likelihood and simplicity. fort. And not without reason: — we suffer,   
 the Father of mercies] i.e. who has shewn because we are His members: we are con-   
 us so great mercies. 4.] The Apos- soled, because He is our Head. 6.]   
 tle in this Epistle uses mostly the first And all this working in the endurance ~   
 person plural, perhaps neluding ‘limo- whether same are afflicted, is) on behalf   
 thy, perhaps, inasmuch as he writes apos- of your comfort and salvation (the your   
 tolically (compare ‘us the apostles,” said end of the comfort), which (comfort and   
 of himself and Apollos, 1 Cor. iy. 9), as and be consoled and saved) ;— or whether   
 speaking of the Apostles incommon. This we are comforted, (itis) for your comfort   
 however will not explain all places where   
 it occurs elsewhere: e.g. 1 Thess. ii. 18,   
 « We would have come to you, even I Paul,   
 once and again,”—where sce note. So