

FROM THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD COMES REAL PEACE IN LIFE

1 Peter 5:6-11

Intro

We are living in troubling times. Tens of thousands of people who were alive just months ago have died. We don't know what will happen with jobs and the economy.

Britain's famous mantra "BE CALM AND CARRY ON" just doesn't seem to cut it!

Where and How do we find real PEACE in these days?

Jesus: In this world you will have tribulation. but take Heart! I have overcome the World!

NOT NEW – there has always been tribulation.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

1. The Mighty Hand of God (v. 6)

"Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God"

A. God in Creation Gen. 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

B. Joseph Gen 50:20

What you intended for evil, God intended for good. God brought me here to save many

C. King Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 1-4 (God declares his real power to a mighty king)

- Daniel and Friends taken into courts
- Dreams explained
- Fiery Furnace
- The "mighty" King gone crazy

D. Jesus died for us Acts 2:23

According to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God. God raised him up

2. According to His Plan (v. 6)

"so at the proper time he may exalt you"

A. Psalm 139

- You knew all about me – when I stand, sit, my thoughts, travels
- Knew my words before I said them
- Knit me together in my mother's womb
- Every day of my life – recorded in your book
- Every moment laid out before one of them came to be

B. He Chose us in Advance Eph. 1:11

- At the right time – bring everything under Christ's authority

- He works everything - According to his plan and purpose

THE PEACE OF GOD

3. Steps to Peace

“Cast all Your Cares on Him, because he cares for you” (v. 7)

A. Be sober-minded; watchful – Satan would destroy you!

- Col. 3:15-16 God will redeem and hold on to us. Let him do the work in you
- Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts
- Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly

B. Resist; Stand firm in your faith (v. 9) knowing there is suffering

- Go to God Phil. 4:4-7
 - by prayer and thanksgiving
 - Peace of God (beyond all understanding) will guard your hearts & minds in Christ Jesus
- He works all things together for good, for those called Rom. 8:28
 - according to his purpose
 - Those he foreknew – predestined – called – justified – glorified!
- Nothing separates us from the love of God Rom. 8:35
 - tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, sword
 - In all these – we are more than conquerors – through him!
- Learned to be content Phil. 4:11
 - no matter the situation, I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
 - Paul learned the secret – trust in God’s sovereignty

4. God will Complete his Promise (v. 10)

“the God of all grace”

A. He will do the work to

- restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

B. Peace from God

- Peace I leave you, give you
- Let not your heart be troubled
- Don’t let them be afraid

TO HIM BE THE DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER

BENEDICTION

Eph. 3: 14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his

glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.