



Living in a Troubled World



What the Bible says concerning how a Christian can live in this world of trouble and have peace.



How do Christians live in a troubled world?

➤ John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

- God's Word
- God's Peace
- God's Victory

God's Word

- ▶ These things I have “**spoken**” unto you.....
 - ▶ Greek word “**laleō**”
 - ▶ to speak, to utter a voice,
 - ▶ use words to declare one's mind or one's thoughts.
- ▶ John 14, 15, & 16
- ▶ John 1:1 – **Word**
 - ▶ Greek work “**logos**”
 - ▶ a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea
 - ▶ what someone has said
 - ▶ discourse
 - ▶ doctrine, teaching
 - ▶ anything reported in speech; a narration, narrative
 - ▶ Acts 8:14 “Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the **word of God**, they sent unto them Peter and James.

God's Word

- Genesis 1: 3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,28,29 – God “speaks” creation into existence.
- Genesis 2:7, God “speaks” of man's creation (1:26), then performs (**formed**) the act of creation.
 - This is what Isaiah spoke of in Is 64:8 when he talked of the potter.
- John 17: 9, 20
- Romans 15:4
- 1 John 2:1-6

God's Peace

➤ “that in me, ye might have peace”.

➤ Greek work “**eirēnē**”

➤ a state of national tranquility

➤ peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord

➤ security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)

➤ of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is

➤ Peace is not the absence of war or conflict.

➤ 2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer **persecution**.

God's Peace

➤ Philippians 4:6-12

➤ 1 Timothy 6:6-10

➤ “**Content**” in Phil 4:11 and “**Contentment**” in 1 Tim 6:6 come from similar Greek words (**autarkeia** and **autarkēs**) and mean to have sufficient necessities and no need of external support. Whereas “**content**” in 1 Tim 6:8 comes from the Greek word **arkeō**, and means to be strong, sufficient, satisfied.

➤ Ephesians 2:13-17

➤ Romans 5:1-4

➤ Romans 14:16-19

➤ The key to God's peace is to be “**in him**”. Outside of relationship with God, there is no true peace.

➤ Know God, Know Peace!

➤ No God, No Peace!



God's Victory

➤ “I have overcome the world.”

➤ Greek word **nikaō**

➤ to conquer

➤ to carry off the victory, come off victorious

➤ of Christ, victorious over all His foes

➤ of Christians, that hold fast their faith even unto death against the power of their foes, and temptations and persecutions


➤ From the root **nikē** (victory) and related to **nikos** (to utterly vanquish)

➤ Romans 8:31-37

➤ Revelations 22:12-14



God's Victory

- Isaiah 25:8-9
 - Matthew 12:20-21
 - 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
 - 1 John 5:4-5
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Conclusion



- Every word of God from beginning to end is essential to the life of every Christian and it is the Word of God that changes men's lives.
- To experience real peace, we must be in Christ. Only when we are fully in God's will can we be content in any circumstance.
- As a Christian, no matter what we face or go through, we have absolute assurance that we are victorious in Jesus. WE WIN!