

Calmness In The Midst Of Chaos

(Habakkuk 3:16-19)

- Introduction:
1. We live in a time of crisis and chaos.
 2. It's true of the world in which we live as well as the Lord's church.
 3. Everything nailed down seems to be coming loose.
 4. Attitudes are changing and stability is under attack.
 5. This lesson simply reminds us of a few things we should be doing in times like these?

I. Live With Assurance

- A. (1 John 5:13).
- B. Why are we so timid and afraid to say, "I'm saved?"
- C. Some raise an eyebrow if we talk about grace and fail to talk about the possibility of falling from it.
- D. Surely we should warn of falling from grace (Gal. 5:4), but not to the exclusion of standing and rejoicing in it (Romans 5:2).

II. Love The Truth

- A. Truth sometimes hurts, but it never harms (1 John 5:3).
- B. So much of our modern "preaching" isn't preaching at all. It isn't even meddling. It avoids the negative and escapes the unpleasant.
- C. We don't need "truthful" sermons, we need sermons that tell us the "truth."
- D. Facts about the Truth
 1. It is better to be divided by truth, than united in error.
 2. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and heals than lies that comfort and kill.
 3. It is better to be hated for telling the truth, than like for telling a lie.
 4. It is better to stand alone with the truth, than be wrong with a multitude.
 5. It is better to ultimately succeed with truth, than to temporarily succeed with a lie.

III. Remember Our Mission

- A. (Mark 16:15-16).
- B. Too often we cannot heal those wounded by Satan because we're too busy bandaging our own self-inflicted scratches.
- C. (Luke 19:10).

IV. Remember The Power of Prayer

- A. (James 5:16).
- B. (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

- Conclusion:
1. In the midst of chaos, there is reason for calmness in the life of a Christian.
 2. Let's use the tools that God has given us, and make a difference.