

JOHN 16:33
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(Presentation NOTE: there was a 16 month hiatus during our original study of John from Sept. 17, 1989 – until January 13, 1991. Resumed Jan. 13, 1991 with repeat of this sermon to introduce John Chapter 17.)

Justice Antonin Scalia, who died Saturday Feb. 13, 2016, during his 29th year on the Supreme Court, was known for a sharp wit as well as a brilliant legal mind, and he expressed both with his tongue as well as his pen.

“God assumed from the beginning that **the wise of the world would view Christians as fools** ... and he has not been disappointed. ... If I have brought any message today, it is this: Have the courage to have your wisdom regarded as stupidity. **Be fools for Christ. And have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.**”
(Speech at Living the Catholic Faith conference, 2012.) *(of course, we know that God never “assumes” anything. He is omniscient.)*

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.

I. THE PROMISE OF PEACE

II. THE PROMISE OF TRIBULATION

III. THE PROMISE OF VICTORY

"These things have I spoken unto you."

WHAT THINGS HAS CHRIST SPOKEN?

CHAPTER 13 - HOW HE HAS **CLEANSED US**

CHAPTER 14 - HOW HE **DESIRES OUR FELLOWSHIP**

CHAPTER 14 - HOW HE **ABIDES IN US** THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER 14 - HOW HE HAS GIVEN US A **LEGACY OF PEACE**

CHAPTER 15 - HOW **WE MAY ABIDE IN HIM**

CHAPTER 15 - HOW WE ARE **NO LONGER SERVANTS - BUT FRIENDS!**

CHAPTER 16 - HOW THE **HOLY SPIRIT** WORKS IN THE WORLD TO **REPROVE SIN**

CHAPTER 16 - HOW HE WILL **ANSWER OUR PRAYERS** OFFERED IN HIS NAME

CHAPTER 16 - HOW **THE FATHER LOVES US.**

ALL OF THE **CONCILIATORY UTTERANCES** OF **John 13-16** ARE EMBRACED IN THESE SIMPLE WORDS, "**IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE.**"

THERE ARE **TWO SPHERES** IN VIEW IN **JOHN 16:33** - "**IN ME**" & "**IN THE WORLD**"

- **AS LONG AS WE ABIDE IN CHRIST AND HIS WORD ABIDES IN US - WE HAVE PEACE.**

(John 15:7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**)

This is a great and comforting truth that all of God's children may cling to.

Yet it is equally true and contextually necessary that:

- **AS LONG AS WE ARE IN THE WORLD WE WILL HAVE TRIBULATION.**

Everybody is quick to embrace the one truth about peace "in Christ" and slow to accept the other truth that as long as we are "in the world" we will have tribulation.

One problem that believers have in dealing with the tribulations of life is that we attend the school of affliction so unwillingly!

(THE WORD FOR TRIBULATION, "THLIPSIS" MEANS "**PRESSURE**" OR "ANGUISH.")

IN THE 21st CENTURY IN OUR COUNTRY, WE LIVE IN A CONSTANT ATMOSPHERE OF "**PRESSURE.**"

OUR **ATTITUDE NEEDS ADJUSTING** IF WE ARE EVER TO GRADUATE FROM THE SCHOOL WITH HONORS.

There was a song out a few years ago by a man named **Jerry Reed**. The theme of the song was that there are people amongst us who needed an "**ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT.**" IN THE SONG THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY A **TIRE IRON, BILLY CLUBS, POLICE DOGS** AND VARIOUS OTHER VIOLENT MEANS. (final verse, last page)

**It was an attitude adjustment
It made my whole outlook brand new
Just a attitude adjustment
It made my whole outlook brand new**

4 STAGES OF ATTITUDES CONCERNING AFFLICTION.

- 1. I MUST ENDURE AFFLICTION - A BITTER NECESSITY**
- 2. I WILL ENDURE AFFLICTION - A DUTY WILLINGLY UNDERTAKEN**
- 3. I AM ABLE TO BEAR AFFLICTION - A DISCIPLINE IN WHICH ADVANCE CAN BE MADE DAY BY DAY.**
- 4. I NEED TO BEAR AFFLICTION - A HONOR AND A CAUSE OF JOY - A MARK BY WHICH WE ARE RECOGNIZED.**

PAUL HAD REACHED THIS 4TH LEVEL.

Romans 5:3 And not only so, but **WE GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS** also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience;**

JAMES ALSO HAD ACHIEVED THE PROPER ATTITUDE:

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials
3 knowing that the **testing of your faith produces patience.** NKJV

How do we, as Christians develop the proper attitude on tribulation? We need to go that great "**attitude adjuster**" the Word Of God.

"For the **word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intent of the heart". **Hebrews 4:12**

The **first adjustment** we need is to **REALIZE THAT TRIBULATION IS PART AND PARCEL WITH THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: WE MUST EXPECT TRIBULATION.**

(Barnabas and Paul) Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that **we must through much tribulation** enter into the kingdom of God.

SECONDLY, WE NEED TO LEARN TO BEAR UP UNDER THE WEIGHT OF AFFLICTION:

Ephesians 3:13 Wherefore I desire that ye **faint not at my tribulations** for you, which is your glory.

DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!

THIS IN TURN (THIRDLY) WILL ALLOW US TO LEARN TO BE **PATIENT IN TRIBULATION:**

Romans 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; **PATIENT IN TRIBULATION;** continuing instant in prayer;

WHICH **IN DUE TIME** ENABLE US TO BE **JOYFUL IN TRIBULATION.**

II Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I AM **EXCEEDING JOYFUL IN ALL OUR TRIBULATION.**

DO YOU REMEMBER THE **JEW'S AT MARAH?** THERE THEY ENCOUNTERED THE **BITTER WATER.** BUT THIS "**BITTER WATER**" WAS MADE "**SWEET**" BY A TREE.

So too in the Christian life - the bitter experience that we endure are made sweet by the **tree of Calvary!**

When we learn to evaluate our afflictions **in the light of God's Word instead of in the darkness of our own selfish heart,** then we, **with Paul and James,** will be able to "glory in tribulation"

Christ in his victory has "overcome the world!"

Romans 8:35 WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL **TRIBULATION,** OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR PERIL, OR SWORD? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. **NAY, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US.**

ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE FOUND "IN CHRIST" ("IN ME YE . . . HAVE PEACE"

Jn.6:33)

WE MUST BE "IN CHRIST" TO ENJOY ANY MEASURE OF PEACE IN THIS LIFE.

WENDELL P. LOVELESS (director of the radio department (WMBI) at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, 1926-1947 WROTE: **db12-7-75**

along with dozens of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, including [You'll never know real peace till you know Jesus](#)

"Have you ever noticed that while the Lord was here on earth in the flesh, HE GAVE **THREE CHEERS**? First, in **Matthew 9:2** He said:

Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, **BE OF GOOD CHEER**; thy sins be forgiven thee.

This is the **GOOD CHEER OF PARDON**. It is the starting point of all Christian life and experience. The apostle Paul declared in

Acts 13:38-39 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is **preached unto you the forgiveness of sins**: And by him **all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.**

Then, in **Matt. 14:22-27** we read what happened when Jesus sent His disciples in a ship to the other side of the lake while He made His way to a mountain to pray. In the middle of the sea, the boat encountered heavy winds, but during the storm the Savior came to His followers, walking on the water saying:

Matt. 14 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **BE OF GOOD CHEER**; it is I; be not afraid.

This is the **GOOD CHEER OF COMFORT**.

Multitudes today are still out on a stormy sea of disappointment, sorrow and temptation. But while they are being tossed about by fears, Jesus also comes walking upon their sea; and in His perfect love and grace He calms and quiets their hearts.

Finally, we read here in 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**.

THIS IS THE **GOOD CHEER OF VICTORY!**

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PUT THEIR TRUST IN CHRIST AND HAVE EXPERIENCED THE BLESSINGS OF HIS **PARDON, COMFORT, AND VICTORY** SHOULD GREATLY REJOICE IN OUR SAVIORS "**THREE CHEERS**."

Who can cheer the heart like Jesus,
By His presence all divine?
True and tender, pure and precious,

O how blest to call Him mine!

Refrain:

All that thrills my soul is Jesus;
He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand
In my blessed Lord I see. **Thoro Harris.**

M.R DEHAAN'S MOTHER used to say in her native Holland Language,

"GEEN HUIS ZONDER KRUIS; GEEN HART ZONDER SMART."

WHICH BEING INTERPRETED =

"NO HOME WITHOUT A CROSS, NO HEART WITH OUT ITS SORROW." *db 10-3-68.*

THANK YOU **MR. LOVELESS** FOR POINTING OUT WHAT OUR SAVIOR HAS ALREADY TOLD US;

IN CHRIST WE HAVE PARDON, COMFORT AND VICTORY.

JESUS SAID **"IN ME YE SHALL HAVE PEACE" "IN THE WORLD", YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION.**

BUT HE ALSO SAID - **"BE OF GOOD CHEER - I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD!**

IT IS THIS PROMISE THAT ENABLES US TO HAVE **THE ATTITUDE ON LIFE THAT IS COMMANDED US BY PAUL:**

"in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. I THESS. 5:18

BUT LIFE IS HARD AND THE DAYS SO LONG! YES, BUT THE PROMISE OF CHRIST OUR KING IS SO SURE!

I Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. THEN COMETH THE END, WHEN HE SHALL HAVE DELIVERED UP THE KINGDOM TO GOD, EVEN THE FATHER; WHEN HE SHALL HAVE PUT DOWN ALL RULE AND ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER. FOR HE MUST REIGN, TILL HE HATH PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET.

Acts 27:25 WHEREFORE, SIRS, **BE OF GOOD CHEER:** FOR I BELIEVE GOD, THAT IT SHALL BE EVEN AS IT WAS TOLD ME.

". . . DO YE NOW BELIEVE?" 16:31 Then Rejoice!

PRAY FOR THE "PEACE OF CHRIST" TO RULE IN YOUR HEARTS! PRAY, AND RECEIVE AND REJOICE! V. **16:24!**

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Attitude Adjustment – Jerry Reed and Hank Williams Jr.

Now I met an old friend
In the bar the other night
And he got a little drunk
And he wanted to fight
And he jumped up
And challenged every man in the room
And just about the time he got the words out
An 'ol boy jumped up and closed his mouth
And used his head for a mop
And his butt for a broom

It was an attitude adjustment
I guess it was his first time
An attitude adjustment
Now he understands just fine
He got bent out of shape
And he opened his mouth
And just one appointment
Straightened him right out
It was an attitude adjustment
Oh It'll work every time

Well I've got this big 'ol brother-in-law
And me and him just never did get along
Because he wants to make sure
I'm treating his sister right
He got drunk one night
And started beating me up
And I went and got a tire tool
Out of my truck
And laid him out as cold as a block of ice

It was an attitude adjustment
And it will work every time
An attitude adjustment
I made him see the light
And he says I'm his kind of man
And he comes around with his hat in his hand
It was an attitude adjustment
I cured all his family pride

Now my girlfriend slapped me in the face
I said darlin that was you're first mistake
Then she went wild and her eyes turned red
She started breaking everything
And screaming loud
And kickin me and cussin me out
And I gave her a little adjustment
On the top of the head

It was an attitude adjustment
Now she loves on me all the time
Just an attitude adjustment
She got a whole new frame of mind
She don't nag
And I don't beg
And we get along and like I said

Just an attitude adjustment
Oh everything's just fine
Well almost

She called the cops to take me in
And I said you're never gonna do it friend
And they just smiled
And said "Oh Yes We Will"
Now a stick to the head
And some kicks in the chin
And a several bites from Rin Tin Tin
And I couldn't wait to get into that jail

It was an attitude adjustment
Oh I went along peacefully
Attitude adjustment
Oh they made me clearly see
Cause my head is black
And my legs are blue
And both knee caps are bent clean through
It was an attitude adjustment
It made my whole outlook brand new
Just a attitude adjustment
It made my whole outlook brand new