

# First Light Herald

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## Peace in the Midst of Turmoil

*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.*

Most of the body of Christ read these words and have a very difficult time understanding how “His” words could do “them” any good. Jesus said IN HIM we would have peace, but in the world we will have tribulation. It is a matter of faith or to use a better word “trust” which is what faith means. Do we trust what He said? Or do we listen to all the clamor and news of the world and trust that what we are hearing from them is more powerful than His words? I listen to Rush and Ramsey and sometimes O’Rielly because that’s what’s “out there”. But I believe what Jesus said no matter what I am hearing from the world’s point of view. Should I stop listening to all the news? Maybe, but what is being told to us from the world is directly lining up with what Jesus told us would be happening. So I can be sure that what He said so long ago is still accurate today. The world has much fear to offer and no hope, unless you think buying gold gives hope, Jesus did tell us about rough times ahead but He also gave hope to anyone IN HIM! There is the truth we can have hope in and trust that He wasn’t just talking He was telling whosoever will believe His report that IN HIM everything will be OK. Are you IN HIM? If you believe and confess that Jesus is the Messiah that has come in the flesh, died for you and God raised Him from the dead then you are IN HIM. And the Apostle John wrote that we that have believed have already overcome the world. There is nothing for us to



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### Special points of interest:

- Pray for strength for our persecuted brothers and sisters world wide.
- Pray for a spirit of wisdom and revelation in all the Body of Christ.
- Pray for all unbelief and doubt to be routed out from the Body of Christ.
- Pray that the Body would walk in the love of God and the fruits of the Spirit..

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do to be overcomers except believe His words. Running for political office will not change the world's woes nor cause the darkness to leave. If that were the way Jesus would have become Emperor of Rome and took over the world by force. No He understood that He was not of this world and when He finished His assignment here in the world He would overcome the world. He overcame the world for us by laying down His perfect life and now we get IN HIM by believing what HE DID.

Now with all that said, believing is not sitting around waiting for Jesus to rescue us (even though He is going to) believing is living a life of fully trusting IN HIM. We must believe that it was He who did all the work so we have no reason to fear anything that world brings toward us. If you believe that you are light and not dark, how can darkness stay around you? Go into a room in your house and turn all the lights off and see the darkness, then turn the lights on and tell me how much darkness could stay? You are that light where darkness has no power to stay when you are living a life of trusting IN HIM!

God is Spirit and so are you. God created you a new spiritual creation when you received Jesus by trusting what He did. There is nothing in this world that was not created by a Spirit, God and by His word Jesus. Everything that was created was created by Him and for Him; before anything was He was there, Spirit. That makes everything that can be seen or smelled or touched in the natural less powerful than Spirit because everything was created by Spirit. You are more powerful than anything in the world because of Jesus finished work. The devil is spirit yes, but he was separated from all life when he decided to exalt himself above the Most High and was tossed to the earth lifeless Then any power or authority he may have had Jesus took (Matthew 28:18). The devil has NO power at all; he is a deceiver and a liar. He must deceive people into believing a lie to even get the smallest evil accomplished. Are you going to believe his lies telling you that you will not be taken care of in this terrible time the world is going into? Will you be deceived into believing that smart men have the way into peace if we could just find that man? I am acquainted with many folks from all over and some of them are very wealthy but live like they have nothing in fear that one day they will need all their riches because that's where the safety is and they call that having peace. There are others that have next to nothing monetarily and stay in fear that someone is coming to take even what they don't have so they stay secluded and out of the public eye, hermits in other words and they believe they have peace. No, having all the money in the world won't bring the peace that passes our understanding, and hiding from all the trouble in a faraway place won't give you peace either. There is one that is made unto us peace and His name is Jesus, He is the only way to find peace. But we must begin fully trusting IN HIM and stop trying to figure out how to fix the problems of the world. Jesus is coming back to do that but until He comes we need to begin

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believing His words. Faith must have the word of God to hook up to or it is dead faith. If you know His word and you have faith but don't live like you believe any of it your faith is dead also.

It is time for believers to live like we have a God that loves us more than anything in the world. Everything in and on this planet is going to burn into nothing one day, but you that are IN HIM will live forever and ever and ever eternally. Eternity is a very long time you know. Let's stop loving the world so much we think we can fix it for God and begin trusting Him at His word. It is Him that holds everything together with the word of His power anyway. We sure aren't holding anything together and the political systems sure aren't, the banking systems sure aren't, the UN sure isn't, the WTO sure isn't. Where is your trust? If it is IN HIM then receive the peace that He offers and begin to stop worrying. His word is good we can trust His word, that's really the only sure thing out there!

## You'd Better Believe It!



It was a rough morning and it had been rough (naturally speaking) for quite a while. I looked at Jeff and asked, "Are we gonna make it?" His response was, "You'd better believe it." What a perfect title for a letter to you, the body of Christ. So here I am writing an article based on the most perfect response to a question asked in fleshly exhaustion.

The enemy knows he has but a short time and it's getting shorter all the time, so he's on the warpath. His weaponry; lies and fear, and his battleground; the flesh and our minds. He is the author of all lies. He is the Lord of the flies. A fly flits from one surface to another collecting germs and spreading them. The enemy and his dark angels do just that; go from one mind to another spreading the germs of negative thoughts and deathly ideas.

Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God. Believers are supposed to believe. Believing is more than just acknowledging the word with your mouth; it is acting upon what you read in the word and what God speaks to your heart. Many say, "I don't hear God." My response to that person is, "Go over and steal that guy's wallet." Of course they won't steal the wallet because they have already heard, "Thou shall not steal."

Faith is hearing God and obeying or doing what you hear. God tells us to confess Yeshua/ Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts that HE raised him from the dead and we shall be saved. So we do that. God says, "Love your enemy." I sense that some of you just hesitated to

## Believe It.....continued

agree with that one. That is because it is naturally hard to love one's enemy. God says, "Seek first MY kingdom and MY righteousness and all the things the world seek after will be added to you." Many will agree to this with their mouths, but few are willing to really act upon it. It's sad too, because this really works!



So today is another day that the LORD has made. If we believe the news reports it's pretty much hopeless. They say we'd better worry about getting flu from pigs. They say the economy is so bad that even God can't help. They say America's prosperity is based upon the numbers at Wall Street, the condition of the banks and the real estate market. The men from the pulpit are so much like the world who knows what will come from them. BUT what does God say? Do you really care about HIS take on our lives?

In spite of everything we see, smell, taste, hear and feel God says, "Peace on earth, MY good will toward men." Now if only folks would believe that report.

Yeshua/Jesus told his disciples who passed the answer on down to us.

***Luke 7:46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.***

Here we have the answer to why it LOOKS like things are hopeless. Most folks aren't hearing and doing the word. They don't believe the report. They are building their lives, their homes upon sand RIGHT NEXT TO THE OCEAN. The storms are coming, they have already come. They affect every single human on the planet. There are no exceptions. In this world you will have tribulation. Jesus said that, I'm just quoting his words. He added, "But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." He said that because "as he is so are we in this world". We are the power holders. We don't believe it, so we don't act on it so it can't manifest. We say, "Oh yes, I believe the bible". But our actions are speaking so loud the devil laughs when we each say, "I believe."

If "believers" don't believe God the world is in really bad shape. In my mind this is why the world is getting darker and darker. If the ones who claim faith don't have faith, or at the very least use the faith they have, who will?

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Unbelief isn't new. Isaiah 53 begins with: "Who hath believed our report?" This word from the prophet is all about what the Lord Yeshua/Jesus would do many hundreds of years later. He prophesied that folks wouldn't believe though the truth had been revealed. We as believers MUST believe. Things aren't going to get any easier. The storms are already beating vehemently against our homes. The only way to prevent the great fall of our homes is to hear and DO what the Lord tells us.

He that has ears to hear; let him/her hear what the Spirit is saying today.

Selah

## Shaken but Not Stirred



I know I have been looking around and hungry to know what is happening in my day. I feel the spirit of prophecy on my heart. The Lord continues to bring me to a place in the bible that speaks about the "latter days". We are in the last days and therefore we are going to see things that no generation has ever seen. The heaviness in my heart is a good thing. I know that the Spirit of God is calling "deep unto deep". I have never been satisfied with surface answers. I don't like being deceived, plain and simple. Those who are satisfied with the surface answer, the natural answer have been deceived in deed.

There is a shaking going on, and it is God who is doing it. God is shaking anything that isn't founded on HIS foundation. He is implementing HIS plan, the plan He had BEFORE the foundation of time. He has promised not only to shake earth, but to shake the heavens. It's all part of HIS plan.

In immaturity I said repeatedly, "I want to be in the midst of chaos, but not be moved, not be shaken." I am now seeing those words come to play in my life. I am learning not to be moved by anything, and I DO mean anything BUT the word of God. That requires a lot of faith. Faith is just that, believing God and what He has and is saying. In order to stand in the midst of the greatest storms, one MUST know the written word. I'm talking the kind of KNOWING that comes from a devoted marriage to the Lamb. I can't ask, "Why is this happening?" Of course I can ask, but I've already said what I want, to be in the midst of the storm, the greatest chaos and not be moved. God is looking for those who will not just say those words, but will act on them as well.

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I can't read the bible today without fully knowing dark times are here. I also can't help read that with the darkness God has spoken the words, "Let there be light." God ALWAYS gets what He wills. I'm in the middle of dark and perilous times, but I'm looking for His light. In the middle of wild times where our leaders are darker than we can even imagine, our true leader is pure light!

Our Lord is speaking. He is calling His army to arm themselves with his FULL ARMOR. We can't just survive by doing cute little bible studies any more, but prepare ourselves for times when folks willingly persecute us believing they are doing God a favor. I know none of us wants to hear this, but no matter how much my soul wants to deny it my spirit is crying for the truth. We're hearing rumors of all sorts of coming persecution. The word will be tried in all of us. The enemy is not going to sit down and rest as long as he knows his time is short. He will fight to the very last nanosecond. He is vicious and he is crazed with fear and lust, but he was defeated and is dead at his core. His end is imminent, but his lease on earth isn't up quite yet.

*Hebrews 12: 25-29 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.** 27 And this word, **Yet once more**, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

Our foundation again is the word of God; first the written, then the living; our Messiah, Yeshua/Jesus the Anointed One. Many of us are like the children of Israel after leaving Egypt. We want the leeks and onions, but we want freedom to do our own thing. We heap teachers who will tell us what we want to hear. If the teachers and preachers don't tell us good things, we run to another church or meeting until we hear what comforts us temporarily. We sit under lies and deception and depend on the world to feed us the hulls of the swine. We have run from the Father and have spent the living He gave us. What will we do? The prodigal made the right choice, but will we?

## Be Filled Be Encouraged



We're told not to be drunk with wine wherein is excess, but to be filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Here is a psalm that really encouraged me this morning. It appears that the heathen are on the rampage. They don't want to be convicted or convinced of anything godly or holy, but want those of us who love the Lord to be removed from their presence. When God removes us they will get their request and then they will have second thoughts about rushing into such a foolish plan. Eternity is a very long time, it's forever and to be forever separated from the love of God or love of any sort will be literally hell. None of this took our precious heavenly Father by surprise. Here we can see prophesy as David sings a Messianic Psalm. It paints a picture of when the Lord was glorified in the sight of God and how the heathen raged, rage and will rage. Mess with the Body of Christ and you mess with the Son of God. Mess with the Son of God and you get God angry. Read and be filled brothers and sisters. Read it over and over to encourage yourselves when the heathen are planning our end. The Lord told us that the wicked hated him and therefore would hate us.



### *Psalms 2*

*Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*



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**Jeff and Cerise's June 2009 Schedule**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sabbath
<i>All meetings are open format. You are welcome.</i>	1 Lovington NM 2227 E. Waters 7-9PM	2	3 Gardendale 14630 N. Hollyhock #35 7-9PM	4	5 Hobbs NM 207 W. Alston 7-9PM	6 Roswell NM 2401 N. Grand 2-4PM
7	8	9	10 Gardendale 14630 N. Hollyhock #35 7-9PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Gardendale 14630 N. Hollyhock #35 7-9PM	18 Hobbs NM 207 W. Alston 7-9PM	19	20
21	22	23	24 Gardendale 14630 N. Hollyhock #35 7-9PM	25	26	27
28	29	30		<i>Please pray for Russian Ladies bible studies on</i>	<i>Thursdays.</i>	<i>Pray for Jeff's work with the lost .</i>