

COMUNION SUNDAY

January 7, 2024

There is one thing that we all can agree on; none of us knows what will happen in 2024 and that strikes fear in the heart of millions of people around the world.

Unfortunately, millions of believers have joined the ranks of those who fear the unknown. Fear leads to anxiety, dread, and panic. In contrast, God's plan for believers includes joy and rejoicing.

PP 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.

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11) "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12) "*Rejoice* and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 8:16-18 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

It is important for us to remember these verses, especially if things continue to grow more menacing as unbelievably

evil people push their satanic agenda of death and mayhem over the entire world.

Last Sunday I emphasized the importance for believers to learn the spiritual life, and then live it, rather than living in the flesh with a nod to God, but never experiencing His love, power, faithfulness, or grace through the spiritual life.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus refers to believers who live their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit which frees them from sin and temporary death (carnal living).

1 Timothy 5:6 But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure is **dead even while she lives.**

Romans 8:4-5 the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6) For **to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

Galatians 5:16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit.**

Psalms 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand

Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save/deliver me.

God has a plan for every believer, which depends entirely on His sovereign power.

Our anxiousness cannot change our circumstances but Jesus Christ can!

How can believers have a **Relaxed Mental Attitude** if our exceedingly corrupt and tyrannical government continues to destroy our beloved country and to enslave us?

Answer: By knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ is in control, not our circumstances!

By trusting in God's promises and knowing that He is for us, not against us, makes us spiritually strong.

By believing that God is bigger than our problems!

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

If we aspire to be a good and faithful servant to our Lord, we must stand firm for righteousness, always tell the truth, and refuse to comply with evil, no matter what.

The Unleavened Bread represents the perfect body of Jesus Christ which was sinless.

Bread John 6:47-51 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. 48 "I am the bread of life. 49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh."*

Prepare ourselves – moment of silent prayer

He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised by our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripe, we are healed.

The Cup: Represents the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross.

John 1:29 *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Anyone can eat and anyone can drink, eating the bread and drinking from the cup is a public declaration that you have put your faith alone in Jesus Christ alone by grace alone.

All we like sheep have gone astray, each one to his own way. But He (G.F.) laid on Him (God the Son) the iniquity of us all.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
