

FINDING PEACE IN TIMES OF CALAMITY

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Finding Peace in Times of Calamity”
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- As children of God, we are happy that our Heavenly Father and His Son are involved in the affairs of this world
- Matt. 10:29-31 the Son of God said – “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from you Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows”
- So I ask you a question: How do you find peace during times of calamity?
 - Bible students are well aware that the Lord is involved in the calamity embracing this world
- Isaiah 45:5-7 there is no other God – “I make peace and create calamity”
- Even though evil has temporary victory (as history has convincingly revealed) – children of God have faith and hope in the ultimate success of the Father and the Son
- 1 Cor. 15:24 then comes the end
28 that God may be all in all
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- I ask another question – Does God handpick civil leaders?
- Dan. 2:20-21 “He changes the times and the seasons. He removes kings and raises up kings”
- 1 Sam. 8:5-6 Samuel was displeased when the people wanted a king
7-9 the Lord told Samuel to give them what they wanted – after He instructed Samuel to warn them of what they were requesting
- 11-18 Samuel warned them
22 the Lord said to Samuel – “Heed their voice, and make them a king”
- Some Christians get involved in the process of choosing a king. Other Christians do not get involved.
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	· Paul exercised his rights – on 3 occasions · The first 2 times – applied his citizenship to get out of difficult situations
Acts 16:36-39	when the magistrates wanted to quietly release Paul, he mentioned: “They have publicly beaten and imprisoned innocent Roman citizens, and now they want to privately free us? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out”
Acts 22:25-28	Paul asked: “Is it lawful for you to scourge an innocent Roman citizen?” – when the commander heard that Paul was indeed a Roman citizen, he said: “With a large sum, I obtained my Roman citizenship” – to which, Paul replied: “But I was born a citizen”
	· The 3rd time – Paul used his Roman citizenship to bear witness of Christ in Rome
Acts 23:11	the Lord said – “as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome”
Acts 26:32	Agrippa said to Festus – “this man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar”
1 Tim. 2:1-2	supplications, prayers, intercessions, giving of thanks · for all people · for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life – in all godliness & reverence
Rom. 5:1-11	peace with God – through our Lord Jesus Christ
1 Cor. 13:13	three things abide – faith, hope and love