

# Eastern Mission

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We live in uncertain times, and unrest in this world. There are wars and rumors of war. There are COVID anxieties, and those for and against vaccines, for one political party and against those that support the other. Liberals against conservatives and neighbor against neighbor. Lovers of self

**2 Timothy 3: 2-5 and 12-13** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful. Unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; Having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. Yea and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived.

**Mark 13:7** And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of war, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. **James 4:1** From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members.

**Matthew 24:22** And except those days be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

**Matthew 24:37** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**Deuteronomy 31:8** And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed. **Philippians 4:6-7** Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **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.

**Matthew 31-34** Therefore take no thought, saying what shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. **Isaiah 53: 4-5** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **John 13-14** And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is internal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 John 5:13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have internal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. **John 3:15** That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have internal life. **1Peter 1:19** "But with the precious blood of the lamb without blemish and without spot."

Our trust and hope can only be found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Even if the world continues to wax worse and worse, and we have tribulation in this life. We can take comfort that he has overcome the world. That his peace which he grants unto us passeth all understanding. That our sure foundation is not built upon sand but that solid rock which is the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that the heavenly Father would give us hearts first to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and our neighbors as ourselves. May the heavenly Father press these matters into our hearts.

God's Peace

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