

“Be of Good Cheer”

Phil. 4:4

Introduction

- I. With all of the evil that is present in this world, it can become very easy to be despondent.
- II. Christians have blessings that others do not enjoy (Eph. 1:3).
- III. We must learn to “be of good cheer” because of all people, Christians have reason for hope (1 Thess. 5:16).
- IV. Let us notice some times that others were told to “be of good cheer”.

Discussion

- I. Matthew 14:23-33.
 - A. There are many “storms of life.”
 - B. Even then, we can “be of good cheer” (Psm. 46:1-3; Isa. 41:10).
- II. Acts 27:21-26, 33-36.
 - A. When God's Word says something, we can be confident that it will come to pass.
 - B. Christians can “be of good cheer” because of the future (John 14:1-2; 2 Cor. 5:6-10).
- III. Matthew 9:1-7.
 - A. Sin separates man from God (Isa. 59:1-2).
 - B. We can “be of good cheer” because our sins can be forgiven (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-6, 18).
- IV. Acts 23:9-11.
 - A. Sometimes men will seek our demise.
 - B. Christians can “be of good cheer” because we are not forsaken (Matt. 5:10-12; Heb. 13:5).
- V. John 16:20, 22, 33.
 - A. We should never forget that Christ came out of the tomb, and by doing such, has defeated Satan.
 - B. We can “be of good cheer” because we are also able to defeat the devil (1 Pet. 5:8-9; James 4:7; Rom. 8:31-39).

Conclusion

- I. The troubles of this world are numerous and terrible.
- II. For the faithful child of God, even amidst such hardships, can always find reasons to “be of good cheer”!