

NEW YEAR'S WEEK SUNDAY MESSAGE 2015

A YEAR OF GREAT CHALLENGES AND TRIALS FOR THE HONOR OF GOD

JH 398 SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2015

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

KEEPING YOUR EYES ON JESUS CHRIST ALL ALONG THE WAY OF 2016

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Hope, Perseverance, Expectation, Ready, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text; **John 14:1**

Every Sunday and Wednesday we teach from the Bible because there's no other way to know God or to know ourselves except in light of God and His word - we desire to have His truth permeate our lives. – So as we commend this year to history and to the Lord, I want to speak to you all this morning as fellow pilgrims.

I use the title “Pilgrims” in an almost prophetic sense.

To be a Pilgrim is to speak of someone who isn't settled yet. It is to speak of someone who is on a journey, a traveler.

The setting and atmosphere that surrounded Jesus and His Disciples was that – (1) He was about to experience His betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. (2) He was about to be abandoned, die and be buried in a tomb. (3) He was soon to be resurrected, witnessed and ascend back to heaven...

Regarding The Christian Pilgrims

(they were survivors and they dressed for elements)

Hebrews 11:13

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the **Dispersion**

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts **which war against your soul,**

A pilgrim's life is anything but comfortable,

in fact a Pilgrim's life is fraught with perils, hardship and troubles...

And that is exactly what I want to talk to you about today – **not just another New Year**, but with a different kind of year ahead - that is ahead of us.

John 14:1

“Let not your heart be troubled; (like a stormy sea) you believe (place your weight) in God, believe (place your weight) also in Me.

We, The Pilgrims of 2016

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1.) In the face of increasing hostility toward Jesus Christ

Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, my brethren, **be strong** in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 **Put on** the whole armor of God, that you may **be able** to stand against the wiles of the devil.

“Let not your heart be troubled because God tells us...

Be strong, Put on, Be able

You do this by getting dressed by the moment, daily

John 15:18-21

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

Why will the world hate us in 2016 ?
(we do not talk like it / act like it / think like it / love it)

>> Everything, Anything Jesus will Be Hated <<

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2.) In the face of increasing physical demonic influences

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**“Let not your heart be troubled because
God tells us...”**

**Sadly, Due to a lack of Involvement, Christians Haven’t a
Clue of What Discernment is...**

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Mark 13:21-23

“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!’ do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

1 John 2:20,27

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things, 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

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3.) In the face of increasing cultural evil's and godlessness

Ephesians 6:13-14

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

**“Let not your heart be troubled because
God tells us...**

Marriage / Abortion / Gender Determination / **Showers**

Change your lifestyle now so you can get your child into a private school or homeschool - but do it now !!!

2 Timothy 3:1-7

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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Galatians 5:16-17

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;

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4.) In the face of increasing biblical ignorance and apathy

Ephesians 6:15-16

and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

**“Let not your heart be troubled because
God tells us...”**

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart** from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

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Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2 Timothy 2:15-17a NLT

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 16 Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. 17 This kind of talk spreads like cancer,

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5.) In the face of increasing false doctrines and emotionalism

Ephesians 6:17-18

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end

**“Let not your heart be troubled because
God tells us...”**

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1Thessalonians 5:1-10

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Here, Put this on and do not go outside without it.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Commission Them by Prayer

"Now may the God of hope / fill you with all joy and peace in believing / that you may abound in hope / by the power of the Holy Spirit / and that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will / in all wisdom and spiritual understanding / that you may walk worthy of the Lord / fully pleasing *Him*, / being fruitful in every good work / and increasing in the knowledge of God / That you would be strengthened with all might / according to His glorious power / turning from godless living and sinful pleasures / We should live in this evil world / with a holy / righteous, devotion to God, / As we look forward with hope / to that wonderful moment / when the glory of our great God and Savior / Jesus Christ returns for us / The LORD bless you and keep you / The LORD make His face shine upon you / And be gracious to you /The LORD lift up His countenance upon you / And give you peace / And all of God' s people said

AMEN !

End of Study

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