

The Barnabas Letter

Spring has sprung and summer is on the way; it is just around the corner, in fact! But, sometimes spring can be a very turbulent time with quirky weather patterns and violent storms. In the very same way, we know that our Lord is far closer to returning than at any other time in history, but we also experience the turbulent times in which we live and we long for and we earnestly pray for our Lords return or at least peace in our time and, hopefully, in our children's time as well. So then, how do we live out our faith in these very difficult times? The very first thing to do is to trust in our Lord completely. This means that when things go terribly wrong in our lives, as they very often do, we must turn to our Lord in full and complete faith and trust that, no matter what happens or how it looks to everybody else. Everything that is happening will work out to Gods glory and our good. Sometimes, that is a very difficult thing to do but if we truly believe that our God is for us and that He is, in fact, omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent, in other words God knows everything, is everywhere, and is all powerful then there is no other logical conclusion than that our God, who has told us emphatically that He loves us is in complete control and that, regardless of the outcome it will redound to our good and His glory. The second thing that we must do in these days is to be faithful in our attendance at worship. It makes absolutely no difference what particular denomination that you or I belong to, it makes all the difference in the world whether we are faithful in our attendance at the church to which we claim to belong! The third thing that we must do is to be

steadfast in our prayers and private Bible reading. We can't be encouraged by our Lord if we don't hear from Him and we won't hear from Him if we don't listen to Him and we can't listen if we are off somewhere else than where we need to be. We need to dwell in the Holy Scriptures and we need to soak ourselves in prayer so that the many upheavals and turbulences of these dark and dangerous times don't throw us off. Remember, though the night is dark, the dawn is coming and as surely as the sun rises in the east so too will the Son of God return! That glorious and longed for day is fast approaching, let us all take comfort in that wonderful fact. Until next month, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Your brother in Christ Jesus;

Pastor J. W.