

John 266 “Peace While In Trouble” John 16:28-33

Omniscient God had always known that sin would alienate man from his Creator, so He designed a Plan in eternity past to provide for the removal of the Barrier that stood between Himself and man.

From God’s viewpoint, His plan began in eternity past at the Eternal Life Conference mentioned in Acts 2:23, when the Members of the Godhead by way of antecedent grace, anticipated man’s failure and resolved the problem of sin.

The removal of the Barrier is solely the work of God and apart from God’s intervention, man would face eternal condemnation with no hope of reprieve.

The will of God is eternal and God is not gaining knowledge; He never learned nor will He learn anything because what God knows at any time, He’s always known and His decisions are based on His infinite omniscience regarding all the facts!

God’s plan is not only victorious but perfectly so, even though imperfect people in His plan fail and since nothing can ever occur unknown to God, His will is unchangeable and forever certain.

The will of God as reflected in His pre-historic decrees will be completed in reference to all His creatures, whether angelic and human, animals and even the inanimate.

God did not decree Himself into being but from His omniscience in knowing all the knowable along with all the possible, He decreed or programmed all that would ever happen in human history.

We are never commanded to reinvent the wheel of God’s plan which He perfectly originated and carefully designed for us in eternity past.

With self-righteousness at the helm of our lives, we dictate our plan of action to God, arrogantly thinking that our efforts will gain His blessing.

To understand God’s purpose and to demonstrate His glory brings fantastic restful peace to a disciple of Christ.

In the Church Age, we are priests representing ourselves before God, receiving blessings from Him and ambassadors representing Jesus Christ to the world by sharing our blessings with them.

And us knowing that we are royalty in union with the King of kings at our intelligence levels, makes Satan angrier than a cornered honey badger.

The Lord Jesus has been teaching His disciples biblical truth for three years and it’s not until now that they conclude that He knows what He’s talking about!

The perfect definition of authority in teaching is when the student begins to recognize that the teacher knows exactly what he’s teaching.

The disciples say: “We now believe You” but they say it with the baggage of scar tissue in their souls still plaguing them but at least they are beginning to accept His authority regardless of their feelings.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CRISIS?

Mary Magdalene with her soul inventory of biblical truth proves to be so far ahead of the disciples that they’re not even in her league!

The Lord was deserted at the Cross by all of His disciples except John.

The disciples will soon learn that while they were being defeated, their Lord was being victorious.

Our Lord is saying that grace has found a way to take up the slack, so keep on having faith in Me in spite of your circumstances.

As believers in Christ, we should never be lonely, for just as the Father was always with His Son, He also remains with those who are His.

Jesus not only knew the Father was with Him outwardly but He also knew intimately that the Father was with Him.

God it is, Who calls us not because of what we are but what we will be, in other words, what He makes us to be.

TIMES OF TROUBLE ARE TIMES FOR TRUST!