

From the Family Room

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Uncertainty and Certainty



In the beginning God . . .

Genesis 1:1

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

"I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance." John 10:10

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

And we know with great confidence that God, who is deeply concerned about us, causes all things to work together for good for those who love God . . . Romans 8:28

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35, 37-39

...in Him [Christ] all things hold together. Colossians 1:17

As we stand at the beginning of 2019, we can look back to last year and clearly remember the events of our lives. Some were planned – others were surprises. Some were joyful – others heartbreaking. For some we were immediately thankful – for other events we were, and may be still, wondering "Why?" Such is life. Always has been. Always will be here on earth. Life is sometimes like driving on the interstate in a heavy fog. Sometimes we just don't know what may be 50 feet in front of us. Driving in a dense fog like that is miserable and tiring. Sometimes we may have to pull off of the road and stop our trip for a short period of time. Living life like that can wear us out.

As we stand at the beginning of 2019, we look forward into a fog of future uncertainty. What does 2019 hold for us in our daily life? We just don't know. Like Miss Havisham in *Great Expectations*, it's almost enough to make us want to stop where we are. We must not let uncertainty of the future cause us to stop in our journey of life. There are some facts of life that we can know are certain.

There is a God. He loves us. He makes all events in the lives of His followers work together for our good. He gave us His son for our salvation and for our abundant life. Jesus loves us. Nothing can separate us from His love. In His love we overwhelmingly conquer the uncertainty of this life. In Christ all things hold together. As children of the King with these certainties before us at all times, we should live joyfully, peacefully, fearlessly and blessed amid the uncertainty that surrounds us in the world. I pray that in 2019 we will focus on the certain facts of life and live boldly to the glory of God. I pray that we will let our lights shine so those around us who have weak or no faith will see the certain God in a dismal, foggy, uncertain world.

Let us also remember the certainty of heaven and our reward waiting for us. One day we will live in the light of His love eternally. There will be no more tears. There will be no more fog. There will be no more uncertainty. In 2019 focus on the certainty of God and live by faith and not by sight. ***We wish everyone a blessed 2019.***

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