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It is slipping away, on: 2016/10/1 22:39

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I just wanted to share what I sensed in my spirit today. " It is slipping away." Now you may ask what " it ," is.Truth is, I co uld not give you an answer. All I know is that the feeling was profound enough to bring a tear to my eyes. If you have rea d anything I have written for the last several years you will know that most of my writings came in the form of some kind of warning. The coming storm was a constant theme. The remnant was another. Now, truly for the first time, I sense that " it," is slipping away and that the saints are at the threshold of facing the greatest challenge any generation of saints wo rldwide have ever faced.

So many local storms in the past, some extremely intense. Never in the annals of Christendom has their been a world wi de storm. Let me give you an example of the outer-bands of this storm. Just last week, a friend that I have known for yea rs, many years, who has stayed in my house, accused me of being a racist. The reason? I told him that gay marriage wa s a sin in the eyes of God. There was time he would have agreed with me. Now why the accusation of being a racist? W ell here is the logic. If I am against gay marriage, then I must be against bi-racial marriage. Dont ask me to explain that I ogic, I cannot, I can only assign it to the signs of the times. The love of many are waxing cold and they have been sedu ced by lying spirits. If you take a stand for the truth it is going to cost you.

I have written critical things of Hillary Clinton and that has gotten me into trouble. The very first piece I wrote last march, before Trump was even nominated was "Trump-have we unleased a monster?" Interesting is it not, when you follow the truth you will be lambasted by both sides. Yet, be that as it may, I will continue to follow the truth and speak it as led no matter what the cost. What is not going to happen is that I will not be intimidated by people on either side of this issue. I do not have a side in this issue, I seek to speak truth to power and let the chips fall where they may. There is an old Hy mn " If none go with me, still I will follow." This will be the challenge to the saints in this new age that has broken over us. The age where the word police and the thought police try to stifle freedom. Genuine saints will never be silenced for the Truth burns in them greater than any fire that the enemy can conjure up.

When the three Hebrew children were faced by the mightiest man in all the earth and refused his proclamations they are dragged in front of him and in front of the fire that was to consume them. These "powerless," children confront this might man and they tell him that even if God does not deliver them from this fire they will never bow down to the gods of this w orld. And in the heart of this man a fury erupted and he made the fire seven times hotter. When God's children today con front the gods of this world there will be a fury that breaks out against them such as has never been seen before. Yet her e is what I know, in the very midst of that fury, in the hottest part of that fire, in the midst of the greatest storm ever know n, Christ walks with His children and so it ever shall be.....bro Frank

Re: It is slipping away - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2016/10/1 23:50

Well said.

Sandra

Re: It is slipping away - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/10/2 1:10

Thanks Frank. Good word.

Perhaps "it" is Opportunity.

Sinner's opportunity to repent and be saved. Our opportunity to witness and preach the gospel.

The day of judgement is fast approaching and the fierce wrath of God against all wickedness will soon be revealed.

Seize the day, brothers and sisters! Time is short.

God bless,

Re: , on: 2016/10/2 12:54

Hi William, I certainly believe that opportunity is slipping away because the love of many is waxing cold, consciences are being seared. But upon reflection I believe that the age has just slipped away and we have entered the last and final age

The revelation that this was coming came to me nine years ago. After that I transitioned away from what we know as rev ival to spiritual outpouring on the saints. The Lord was showing me that the outpouring would be in conjunction with nee d. The end of the ages is approaching and indeed I believe we have just passed into the final age. The enemy knows thi s and must begin to ramp up hatred towards the Body of Christ prior to Christ return.

As this ramping up takes place which will eventually involve and engulf the whole world, a coming in like a flood if you lik e, the the Lord raises up a standard in the saints in order to deal with such an onslaught, He raises us up to higher grou nd. In no way to we deserve such a thing, but for needs must His grace is sufficiant for us and His promise is that the gat es of hell shall not prevail against us, He will enable and equip us for the times in which we live.

Since the persecution will be without equal then so to shall the outpouring be. And with a greater outpouring which shall be marked mainly by great boldness in the face of unbelievable hatred and animosity, then the hatred shall only increas e exponentially...... bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/10/3 0:06

Powerful word, keep these prophetic words coming brother Frank!

I agree, there is so little time left before the end of all things. The only safety is found in Christ, who is our "Ark". Once se emingly unmovable believers are falling away like flies and turning from a simple devotion to Jesus to follow many other things. People whom I never expected to fall away are being swept out to sea by the flood of darkness that grows darker with each day. I hold no false allusions that I am safe in my own little bubble. I see the mighty falling and know without a trace of doubt that there go I but by the grace of God. At any moment He could abandon us but He will not because His promise is faithful, "unto Him who shall keep us from falling". We must cleave to Him by faith for there is no other hope b ut Jesus - who loves us and holds us tight in the palm of His hand.

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/10/3 6:17

Hi

I agree this world is quickly getting worse and worse. At some stage Sin fills the bucket so much it comes before the Lord for Judgement. One example of this is when Ahab married Jezebel and he was the worst King in regards of doing Evil in the history of the Kings. Immediately however God sent Elijah to bring his Judgement. This is how I see it panning out in o ur time. When the worst comes and the politcal system marries the religious system then God will send the Spirit of Elijah again to bring Judgement. The bringer of this ultimate Evil doesnt get away with it in this Life or the next, Yours Staff

Re: , on: 2016/10/3 12:27

Bro Mark writes.....

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2016/10/3 21:12

Which brings more to the unbeliever and also to the believer? Gloom and doom or comfort. Where is the comfort?

Biblical Illustrator 1 Thessalonians 4:16

1. Comfort is of large signification. It may be to be eyes to the blind and feet to the lame, to clothe the naked and feed th

e hungry. Speak and do something that may heal a wounded heart, and rouse a drooping spirit.

2. To comfort is a work of charity which is inward and outward. What a poor thing is a thought or word without a hand; an d what an uncharitable thing is comfort without compassion. Then I truly comfort my brother when my actions correspon d with my heart. And if they be true they will never be severed; for if the bowels yearn, the hand will stretch itself forth.

3. We must look to the motive. Our comfort may proceed from a hollow heart; then it is Pharisaical; it may be ministered through a trumpet, and then it is lost in the noise; it may be the product of fear. All these are false principles, and charity issues through them as water through mud $\hat{a} \in$ defiled. Christ is our motive and pattern (Mr 9:41).

4. Let us be ambitious to comfort, for we have great occasions. Every day presents some object. Here is an empty mout h; why do we not fill it? Here is a naked body; why do we not part with our superfluities to cover it?

Here God speaks, man speaks, misery speaks; and are our hearts so hard that they will not open, and so open mouth a nd hands (Php 2:30.

What words are we to comfort one another?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (((Wherefore comfort one another with these words.)))

Comfort and shelter in a storm are much more enticing than fearful warning of the coming doom.

Let us see too it that we reach out to one another in comfort and love and shelter in Christ who is in all that believe.

Either Christ is our comfort or else we have no comfort?

Spread the good news.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: , on: 2016/10/3 22:35

Hi Phillip, I reject your gloom and doom charge. Christ is real no matter our circumstances and the reason we have seek er-friendly watered down Gospel is because people have been taught by ear tickling men. Christ dying on the cross is d oom and gloom to those who are perishing but glory and victory to those who are not. Paul speaking out from his dunge on words of faithfulness is glory and majesty but the fearful can only see the dungeon. Stephen glorifying God as the sto nes rain down is glory and majesty but to the fearful is a terror because their eyes are not on the eternal glory of the Livi ng God and His children but on the temporary temporal things of this world. In Christ there is no fear, He prepares a tabl e before us in the presence of our enemies. So, to those outside of the Spirit , doom and gloom, to those who walk accor ding to the Spirit glory and majesty. Only God Himself can give us these eyes that can see the glory in the very midst of suffering for His name sake.......bro Frank

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2016/10/4 0:13

Then I must ask was Jesus wrong in His presenting of Himself by feeding and healing to prove who He was?

Edit: for extra thought; It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God, to those that are perishing.

I have no fear by faith of dying but I still would rather that that cup be taken away from me, not my will but Gods.

I am sure that if you could stop a Christian from getting their head cut off you would do all you could to prevent it.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by staff, on: 2016/10/4 7:28

Hi

On the one hand I can see the slipping away of societies and individuals and the fear to say anything about it. On the oth er hand I think we are on the border of a new age but havent crossed over yet. I think God will raise a credible witness be fore the end and we do not have that at the moment.

If the stage is set for the arrival of an Ahab or Herod then the stage is equally set for an Elijah or John The Baptist.God i s the same today and yesterday and forever.If evil arises so does opposition to that evil, Yours Staff

Re: , on: 2016/10/4 9:12

Phillip writes.....

"I am sure that if you could stop a Christian from getting their head cut off you would do all you could to prevent it."

I think that statement just shows that you have missed the whole point are are focused on the temporal Phillip. Jesus be gan to tell His disciples what was going to happen (doom and gloom?)

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many thing s of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and b egan to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be o f men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, an d follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Mat 16:21-25)

Phillip, you simply do not know the age that we are in nor can you discern the sign of the times......bro Frank

light will shine out of darkness, on: 2016/10/4 9:25

I wrote this last year. Now I truly believe that only those who walk according to the Spirit can ever see the glory in sufferi ng and persecution, Christ's glory.....bro Frank

Light will shine out of Darkness

If you talk a lot or write about things to come, especially about persecution for the Church, it tends to be a very unpopula r word. After years of writing about such things, I know that many tend to shy away from it. First of all, it is not natural to expect that people would embrace such a message. It is often cast into the $\hat{a} \oplus$ doom and gloom, $\hat{a} \oplus$ category or it is lum ped in with the undoubtedly numerous quacks and fear mongers that are out there and have always been out there. I think this is inevitable and like a parable, then only those who truly have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church will hear, and only those with spiritual eyes will see what is coming.

Let me tell you how I see this dark subject of persecution soon to come. I see it in glorious terms. God has commanded t hat light would shine forth out of darkness. The greater the darkness the greater the light.2Co 4:6 For God, who comma nded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. You see, God first illuminates the hearts of those who hear Him and then He commands that th e illumination, the light, be shone forth into the darkness of this world.

Those who †know,†God, who are intimate with God see Jesus. To know God is to know Jesus for we see the glory of God illuminated in the face of His Son and with this light we light up the world. No where is this better illustrated than i n the persecuted saint. The persecuted saint, though surrounded by troubles on every side is not distressed and this not being distressed is supernatural light. The saint who suffers persecution is often struck down but is not destroyed, he se ems to be forgotten but not forsaken in his loneliness. He has a treasure inside of him that illuminates all the brighter wh en he is hard pressed, that treasure is the glory of God that resides in him. Tear down his flesh and you merely reveal th e glory within.

When we are torn down and ridiculed and persecuted for His sake then our flesh is stripped away in death and the life of Christ is revealed in us, it becomes a witness to the world. Many times the world can come up with excuses for the Chris

tians joy, just like Satanâ€[™]s accusation in the opening pages of Job. Yes of course they love Jesus, look what He has done for them, look how He has blessed them. All of these accusations are stripped away in the backdrop of persecution . For the saint who is fully given to God, his tears will give way to joy. His despair will give way to hope. His degradation will give way to humility in Christ. And of course persecution comes in many shapes and degrees. You may be suffering many of these things in your present situation. Perhaps at work or in your own home or by your spouse.

We know this, that all who live Godly in Christ Jesus can expect to suffer for His sake whether on a personal level or co mmunity level or national level. We also know that there is a tremendous blessing reserved for those who are accused a nd abused for His name sake. There is a spirit of glory that rests upon us when we suffer for His sake. If you are reviled f or the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.(1 Pet 4:14) Now imagine thi s saints. If the Spirit of glory rests upon you as an individual when you are persecuted individually for His sake, can you i magine what the Spirit of glory will look like when every saint in the land is persecuted? Now imagine saints what that gl ory will look like when every saint in the world is persecuted for His sake. Indeed as the Scriptures tell us, the glory of G od will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LOR D, As the waters cover the sea (Hab 2:14)

So, when you are tempted to be fearful about the future, remember that the glory of God is going to rest upon you as yo u have never experienced it before. Darkness will become light to you. Even if you are made to lie down in the valley of t he shadow of death, Christ Himself will be your rod and your staff and you will fear no evil. In the midst of that dark valle y of persecution He will lead you to pastures you have never experienced before. He will feed your soul in ways that you cannot even begin to imagine. While others will experience stormy and turbulent seas as circumstances grow darker by t he day, you will experience still waters.

A peace that surpasses all understanding will take possession of you as perfect love casts out all fear. You will stand on the unshakable ground of Christ. Do not let others speak to you of doom and gloom, for it shall only be doom and gloom to those who are perishing, but for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear then it shall be the ultimate glory, the ult imate witness for Christ just prior to Him coming, and then He comes. Stand fast saints. Days are coming upon us such as we have never seen before. Yes, tremendous darkness. Yet the greater is the light that is within us than the darkness that is in the world.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2016/10/5 21:27

Matthew 26:38-44 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup p ass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spiri t indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this c up may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their e yes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

My soul is exceedingly sorrowful for those that are dying by the hand of the devil himself. There is nothing I can do for t hem but I still would want to stop it if I could.

If this puts me in the temporal, so be it. Only God can give peace and tranquility when it comes to those that are perishing for His Glory.

Three times even Jesus ask the cup He was about to drink be taken away from Him. It must be a glorious thing to be given the ability to cheer when bloody hands from bloody heads rolling on the ground right now, as they continue, knowing the signs of the time is what you are cheering for.

This is what your post to me put in my soul/mind when I read it. I really don't believe that is where your heart is, that is w hy I have answered your post in this way, If that is where your heart is then my heart would not accept it being the lessor brother in Christ, of whom needs prayer that conformation from the Holy Spirit in greater understanding of God and the s ign of the times.

I may be in the temporal not understanding the sign of the times, that is why I seek comfort in the Word of God that I mig ht not loose my mind in the conflict between good and evil.

That is why I have comfort in God keeping men from evil, and Jesus coming for me and my brothers and sisters in Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort o ne another with these words.

I pray this does not upset you, I am just a weaker brother seeking comfort in the only place I see it available.

Thank you for your words, they have really given me something to seek God for the answer. His will, His plan, His unde rstanding of who I am and what I need.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: , on: 2016/10/5 22:33

Phillip,

What I think you are genuinely missing is the whole history of the Christian church and the story of the greater part of Ch ristianity even now. Persecution is our story, it always has been and it will be until the end. We are all weak in this regard but Christ in us is strong. We need only surrender the things of this life and regard it as a thing in the hands of God. God directs the steps of a righteous man and millions of righteous men have need martyred for the cause of Christ and enabl ed to do so by the Spirit of the Living God. What He has done for others He can do for you. Jesus, in the Garden, surren dered to the will of God and with that surrender came victory and peace and then He could set His face towards His calli ng. If you consider your life something to strive and grasp after then you will lose it in a sense, when you give it all over t hen you gain the eternal life of the Kingdom of God which was and is and always shall be. We are in this world but not of it, we walk in the Kingdom reality of the Living God. Lay it down Phillip and He will pick it up.......bro Frank

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2016/10/5 23:42

This is a hard saying even for Jesus, "take this cup" and "why have you forsaken me". Even this, God has brought Him t hrough and He sits on the throne in heaven where we are by faith seated with Him.

Thank you, I feel like Peter listening to Paul, "some things are hard to understand".

2 Peter 3:15-18 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also accor ding to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the oth er scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

In Christ: Phillip