Why Christians Have Peace Even in Time of War

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INTRODUCTION

- What if it became unlawful for you and me to assemble like we have this morning to worship the Lord?
- Would you still have a sense of assurance of peace? Or would you be asking the question, why, Lord?
- It was written to help Christians understand indeed who really is in control of the world.

1 Revelation Was Written to Christians in Time of War

Revelation 1:1–3

- These shall make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of Lords and King of kings.
- Revelation was written at a time when the church was under severe physical persecution from Rome.
- It was written in figurative language to hide it from the enemy, as well as to reveal the message unto the Christian.
- When really it was talking to the people who first received it. Now that's a book that's alive today.
- Although we do not know what tomorrow holds, we know who holds tomorrow.

2 The Throne of God

Revelation 4:1–11; Hebrews 12:29; Ezekiel 10:20

- Chapters 4 and 5 are chapters that describe the throne of God. And therefore give comfort.
- If God is in control, then we can have peace.
- Clear as crystal would describe here the holiness and the purity of God Himself on the throne.
- God has promised, and his promises will be upheld and will be kept.
- Those closest to God were praising him.
- You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.

3 Who Is Worthy to Open the Scroll?

Revelation 5:1–5; Genesis 49:9–10; 2 Samuel 7

- Who's really able to take that scroll and to carry out the plan that God has outlined in it?
- There was no one qualified in heaven, on earth, or under the earth.
- What if no one had carried out God's plan and purpose to bring about redemption? You and I would be hopeless.
- Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David has prevailed to open the scroll.
- Shiloh literally means the one who brings peace. It's a description of the Messiah who is to come.

4 Worthy Is the Lamb Who Was Slain

Revelation 5:6–14; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18–19

- Now a lion is one thing, but a lamb, that's quite different.
- You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain. You have redeemed us to God by your blood.
- You mean God would allow his only son to die for enemies? That's exactly what he did.
- It is his blood by which we are saved today.
- We reign over the devil himself, forgiven of sin, and as priests, we can approach to God in a direct way.
- Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you believe Jesus to be the Son of God who died for you, if you believe God holds the future in the palm of his hand, get on God's side, regardless of what others may say or do.**

MY NOTES