

PASTOR'S PATCH

Why So Downcast?



What a past week this has been! The entire world stage seems as if it is about to blow itself to pieces, both literally and figuratively.

Old allies are finding they are no longer as close as they perhaps thought they were. Old enemies are looking to support one another - no doubt for dubious gain! Economies, jobs, and savings are collapsing. The security of inherited housing and businesses is being attacked from all sides. Fake news and outright lies are seemingly taken as acceptable practice.

Being “offended” somehow bestows the expectation of being “right”. The political classes and the super-rich are re-writing history and the rule book to bolster their own survival and wealth, irrespective of the harm that can come to the average citizen just trying to live “life”.

I could go on, but I don’t need to because populist news outlets are doing it for me, 24/7 all year round, creating an environment of doom, gloom and despondency.

Where’s the good news? To be honest, I don’t know. But I do know where the “**Good News**” is! This past week my Bible readings have included Psalms 42 and 43. In those two Psalms there is a particular verse which is repeated three times. It is this:

“Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God”

Our loving Father in heaven has entered into an eternal covenant with those of us who believe in the risen Lord Jesus for our forgiveness and salvation. He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. NOTHING can separate us from the love of God. NOTHING. We need to stop flicking through social media and the news, and turn our eyes instead to Scripture, and feed our hope in Him. We will surely find we can do nothing other than praise Him, our Saviour and our God.

As we overflow with this confidence of eternal love, amongst our neighbours in worldly despair, we extend “**Good News**” to help many to see Christ Jesus, the living hope, and a future that is secure in His presence.

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