

"This peace defies all man's reason; its boundaries exceed time and space; God promises peace to His children who trust His unmerited grace."



#### THE REALITY OF GOD'S PEACE

BY JERRY ASCHER

One of the enjoyable parts of literature class in high school and college was being introduced to authors and works that were previously unknown to me. One such book was Baroness Orczy's, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. The setting for the story is the French Revolution, and as many aristocrats were sentenced to be executed at the guillotine, the hero of the novel, named for the flowers on a small plant, would develop ingenious ways to save many of their lives. Someone in the story composed a poem praising the "elusive Pimpernel" and deriding the effort being made to capture him. Little did anyone know that someone as seemingly dimwitted as Sir Percy Blakeney was, in fact, the Scarlet Pimpernel himself.

The time, effort, and resources that were put into capturing him pale in comparison to all that goes into the world's attempts at finding peace. Christians struggle with this, too. We find ourselves beginning a sentence, "If only..."; what we say next exposes what we are counting on to provide the peace we desire. However, despite all the thoughts and opinions experts offer as solutions to this dilemma, mankind is falling deeper in despair. This is the logical end when confidence is misplaced. Peace of mind will continue to elude us until we understand that our confidence can never be in material goods, physical health, financial stability, popularity, or human wisdom. In one of many passages in Scripture addressing this dilemma, Solomon helps us with our understanding in this matter: "My son, let them (God's words) not depart from your eyes-Keep sound wisdom and discretion; So they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck. Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught" (Prov. 3:21-26 NKJV).

Our adversary, the devil, enjoys seeing God's people in a perpetual state of fear. He gets the victory when the clear teaching of Scripture remains merely theoretical but is neglected in practice. It's when we understand that nothing is too hard for our God, and that He is our help in time of trouble that the peace He provides in life's storm will cease to be elusive and will become a reality!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 AM OR 11:00 AM

In-person services take place in the auditorium. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the gym, or available to you at home.

Childcare is available during the 9:30 service for ages 2-3.

#### 01 AUGUST 2021

- "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"
- PRAYER
- "ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST"
- "HIS ROBES FOR MINE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "BE STILL, MY SOUL"
- MESSAGE: "THE LORD CAN SATISFY YOU" PSALM 23 ERIC KNUTSON
- "COMPLETE IN THEE"

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# WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

Livestream will continue to be available for the next two weeks as we study the last two chapters of Titus.

### NEW APP AVAILABLE FROM SERMON AUDIO!



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We've been privileged to have Eric Knutson as a pastoral intern this summer. He has been very busy teaching, preaching, planning activities. helping and lead Vacation Bible School. He has demonstrated a joyful servant's spirit with a willingness to help in any way he can. The internship is a volunteer position with no salary. On Sunday we want to collect a special offering that will help Eric continue his training for pastoral ministry. Eric will complete his bachelor's degree at Faith Baptist Bible College this spring and then continue seminary. on to Donations can be made by etransfer or by cheque/cash. Make sure to indicate that the gift is for Eric's honorarium.

## CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

**WHEN:** Sunday, 15 August

12:30 pm

**WHO:** Everyone

**WHERE:** MBC

Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chair and favourite game





- 26 Sep
- 24 Oct
- 21 Nov





**BBQ** Picnic

**WHEN:** SAT, 28 AUG, 11-2

**WHO:** 55+

**WHERE:** ASCHERS' HOME

**WHAT:** BBQ DINNER:

(pulled pork, brisket, smoked turkey, buns, coleslaw, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, fruit, cookies/brownies, water/pop)

SIGN UP: Please sign up on the church bulletin board or phone/email the church office no later than Monday, 23 August.

Directions are available at the Information Desk.