

## **“He’s got the whole world in His hands.”**

As the song says, “He’s got the whole world in His hands.” What if God closed up the churches to open up the world?

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: ... Matthew 28:18-20a*

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With the church buildings closed in compliance with orders to curtail the spread of this coronavirus, many congregations are meeting online in the “virtual” world. The key word here is world.

- *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1*

Our “*very present help in trouble*” is showing us the way to fulfill “The Great Commission”. A way to reach hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people through the technology that has emerged in the past few decades. More people than ever are sitting in their homes in front of some sort of electronic devise. Especially the “younger” generation. (Yes, I am a boomer.) Why not use that for God’s purpose for us all? The message of salvation!

- *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10*

Some are living in fear. But the bible tells us not to fear.

Fear of financial ruin?

- *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Matthew 6:25*

Fear of an uncertain future?

- *Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matthew 6:34*

Fear of death?

- *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Yes, caution and adherence to the guidelines are important. Do as you are directed. Keep yourselves and loved ones safe. Not with fear, but in love. Use this time of isolation to join with others in the “virtual” world to spread the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Invite others to your virtual church service. Don't attend a church? Check out [First Baptist Church Hanover](#), where I attend, or [Trinity Lutheran Church](#), where I work. Facebook is loaded with churches that are doing “live” FB events. Do a Google search for “Churches near me” and check their website or Facebook page for information.

This week, why not sit in your P.J.'s, sip coffee in your favorite chair and share the love of Christ!

Be blessed this week and share your blessing!



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