



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
OF THE CANYON

Mid-Week Devotion

October 18, 2020

Tribulation? What's the Apostle John got to do with it?

As we study through the first three chapters of Revelation it's super important to remember the context in which John writes and chronicles his vision from Jesus Christ. He's exiled to the island of Patmos, we know that. He's there pretty much by himself with occasional visitors. We know he's been exiled probably because of his preaching while involved with the church at Ephesus. But, note verse 9 of Revelation chapter one. ***"I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus..."*** Wait, what? Tribulation? Perseverance? John writes the letter in the 90's AD. Jerusalem was leveled in 70 AD. The Jews were scattered and the most important piece of property in the whole world to them, Jerusalem and the surrounding area was laid to waste by the Roman Emperor, Titus. Enter Domitian. He was an authoritative Emperor making himself as a god to be worshipped. Does John understand tribulation? Sure, he does. Does he understand the "kingdom?" Sure, he does. Does he understand that his trials and tribulations are minute and puny compared to the kingdom? So, what's his response as someone who was called by God, lived with God for three plus years, wrote much of the New Testament, and now has been exiled to a deserted island? He perseveres. He keeps going. He doesn't give up or "throw in the towel." And guess what? 2,000 years later we benefit from his perseverance! We've been watching him. "Keep going John there's no time to rest. Not now not ever. We depend on your example!"

Keep going Christ's Church of the Canyon. Don't stop, persevere. People are watching.

**Prayers**

Martha Brown (battling cancer)

**Workday**

This Saturday, October 24, 8-10am

Most of the work to be done is indoors in the Sanctuary (clean restrooms, carpets, windows). Please bring cleaning supplies and vacuum cleaners.

There is still some work to be done, outside.

**Questions?**

Please call Sandra at the church office.

I am blessed beyond measure to be your Pastor!

Pr. Wayne