Calm In Chaos

(Habakkuk 3:16-19)

Introduction: 1. We live in a time of crisis and chaos.

- 2. It's true of the world in which we live as well as the Lord's church.
- 3. Everything nailed down seems to be coming loose.
- 4. Attitudes are changing and stability is under attack.
- 5. This lesson simply reminds us of a few things we should be doing in times like these?

I. Live With Assurance

- A. (1 John 5:13).
- B. Why are we so timid and afraid to say, "I'm saved?"
- C. Some raise an eyebrow if we talk about grace and fail to talk about the possibility of falling from it.
- D. Surely we should warn of falling from grace (Gal. 5:4), but not to the exclusion of standing and rejoicing in it (Romans 5:2).

II. Love The Truth

- A. Truth sometimes hurts, but it never harms (1 John 5:3).
- B. So much of our modern "preaching" isn't preaching at all. It isn't even meddling. It avoids the negative and escapes the unpleasant.
- C. We don't need "truthful" sermons, we need sermons that tell us the "truth."
- D. Facts about the Truth
 - 1. It is better to be divided by truth, than united in error.
 - 2. It is better to speak the truth that hurts & heals than lies that comfort & kill.
 - 3. It is better to be hated for telling the truth, than like for telling a lie.
 - 4. It is better to stand alone with the truth, than be wrong with a multitude.
 - 5. It si better to ultimately succeed with truth, than to temporarily succeed with a lie.

III. Remember Our Mission

- A. (Mark 16:15-16).
- B. Too often we cannot heal those wounded by Satan because we're too busy bandaging our own self-inflicted scratches.
- C. (Luke 19:10).

IV. Remember The Power of Prayer

- A. (James 5:16).
- B. (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Conclusion: 1. In the midst of chaos, there is reason for calmness in the life of a Christian.

2. Let's use the tools that God has given us, and make a difference.