



Midweek Meditation



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13

I for one would not want to live in Paradise without the Word (of God). But with the Word, it would be easy to live even in hell, as indeed we are living in a kind of hell in this world and console ourselves only with the hope which the Word of God affords. By this hope we overcome troubles and crosses of all kinds. Martin Luther

The life of St. Paul was truly a kind of hell. Imprisonments, countless beatings, five times receiving the thirty-nine lashes, three times beaten with rods, stoned, three times shipwrecked, and much more. As he writes the above words to the Christians in Philippi, he is likely sitting in a Roman dungeon. How can he be so positively hopeful? Simple. The Word of God is his constant companion.

When our nation was plunged into darkness on September 11, 2001, many came to the church to hear God's Word of hope. Now it's happening again. Many are tuning in to church services as they are live-streamed or made into video recordings. A pastor told me just a few days ago that more of his members are "going to church" now than when the church doors were open. People know where to find hope. As God's people in Jesus, you've known all along that your hope is in Christ who strengthens you. Whether life is good, or whether we're in the midst of a pandemic, the Word of God being your companion, you are able to live with hope.

Lord Jesus, preserve Your Word to us in these dark days that we may live now and always in confidence and hope. Amen.