

It's Gonna Be Alright

Those reassuring words are ones that many of us have likely heard before, but perhaps not in a sermon or devotion. Those words, however, are fitting in a world where there is uncertainty or anxiety, fitting for a world filled with circumstances that remind us over and over again that we are not ultimately in control.

I think of that statement, “It’s all gonna be alright,” as I look ahead at the coming week. This devotion is being emailed out on Wednesday morning, November 4. It is a day that is sure to be filled with news reports and headlines, the day after a national election, and I cannot possibly predict how those headlines will read. (Then again, to put things into perspective, there never has been a time when I could with certainty predict what the headlines might read a couple of days from now.)

How, then, can we confidently say that everything is going to be alright? It is because, while we might not be in control, we know the one who is.

“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.”
Psalm 22:27-28

“The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.” Psalm 103:19

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Matthew 28:18

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ, you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.” Colossians 2:9-10

Simply knowing that our Lord has power and authority in itself may be comforting. He reigns over all. But what makes that reality truly comforting is knowing how our the Lord has chiefly made His power known: in showing love and mercy. Only in knowing all that Christ has done for all the world is it possible to say with confidence, “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:31-32)

So, today—and always—regardless of the particular circumstances, challenges, or victories we face—we live with confidence in knowing that we are His. And from that confidence and peace that Christ has brought us, we truly can say “it’s gonna be alright” as we continue to live in a way that brings the Lord all glory and honor and praise. Amen.

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