

IT IS WELL.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: 3 John 1-4.

B. Regarding the text:

1. 3rd John was written to one of John's friend, Gaius.
 - 1) John expresses his desire for Gaius' good health.
 - 2) He compares his physical health with his spiritual health.
 - 3) He recognizes Gaius' good spiritual health.
2. We should ask ourselves; "Is it well with my soul?"

C. We often sing... *It Is Well With My Soul*.

DISCUSSION: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL BECAUSE...

I. GOD IS IN CONTROL.

A. Sometimes it feels as if our lives are out of control.

B. The best solution is to remember that God is in control of all things.

1. **Heb. 13:6.**
2. **Psalm 56:11.**

C. Knowing that God is in control brings peace to our lives.

1. Sometimes we don't have all the answers.
2. God will take care of me if I seek him first (**Matt. 6:33; 8:26**).
 - 1) **Matthew 8:23-27.**
 - 2) Paul's attitude: **Philippians 1:21; Romans 8:37.**

II. ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD.

A. **Romans 8:28.**

B. It is sometimes hard to see the good in a bad situation.

C. We should try to focus on the possible good that might come.

1. Joseph's life is an example of **Romans 8:28** in action.
 - 1) His brothers hated him; They wanted to kill him; They sold him into slavery.
 - 2) But God was in charge of this faithful man's situation.
2. His brothers feared him when they realized who he was (**Genesis 50:20**).

D. Consider Jesus.

1. He was rejected and despised of men. He was cruelly beaten and crucified.
2. His death brought salvation to all (**Heb. 5:9; Acts 3:26**).

E. Because God can work all things for good, we can have peace knowing that good will come even under bad circumstances (Romans 8:35-37**).**

III. OUR TROUBLES ARE TEMPORARY.

A. The old spiritual song proclaims, "All God's children got troubles!"

B. However, the Christian troubles are temporary (2 Cor. 4:17; Rev. 21:4**).**

C. Knowing that our troubles are temporary gives us peace (Matt. 5:11-12**).**

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. How does it feel when you know you are going to win?

1. The faithful are going to win (**1 Cor. 15:57; 1 John 5:4**)!
2. Knowing the end result is victory, gives us peace.

B. Victory's first step is being obedient to the gospel.

1. Hear the gospel (**Acts 2:37; Rom. 10:17**).
2. Believe the gospel (**Mark 16:15-16**).
3. Repent of sins (**Acts 2:38**).
4. Confess Christ before men (**Rom. 10:9-10; 1 John 4:16**).
5. Be baptized (**Acts 8:36; 22:16**).
6. Remain faithful (**2 Tim. 4:7-8; Rev. 2:10**).