

# Sermon Notes

## The Prescription for Dealing with COVID-19 Stress

John 16:33

There is no shortage of advice on how to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ during the COVID-19.

I have a perfect prescription for each of us. It comes from \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Jesus's words are intended to give us \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

He spoke to them about Him being \_\_\_\_\_

He spoke to them about being servants, about loving one another in His absence – He tells them He is going away, back to the \_\_\_\_\_

He speaks to them about Peter's defection, his \_\_\_\_\_. He tells them that He is going to prepare a place for them. He reminds them that He came from the Father. He encourages them in \_\_\_\_\_.

He tells them about the \_\_\_\_\_,

He tells them that He is the vine, they are the branches. He tells them of His love for them and exhorts them to love \_\_\_\_\_. He tells them they will be hated as He is hated. But the \_\_\_\_\_ t will be with them.

He tells them of coming persecution, His impending death, their impending \_\_\_\_\_, and once again gives them fresh promises in prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is honest with His disciples. He tells them the good, the bad, and the \_\_\_\_\_

But these words are for their \_\_\_\_\_ (15:11; 16:24)

These \_\_\_\_\_ are also sobering: betrayal, denial, persecution, desertion (16:32).

But these words are intended to give us \_\_\_\_\_ in Him

The hard words are not meant to unsettle us, but to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### II. Jesus words prepare us for a life of \_\_\_\_\_

This world, which is under the sway of the evil one, this world which hates its Creator, this world, which is dark, which is powerful, which is \_\_\_\_\_, this world which is marked by tribulation.

"The storms of trial and persecution may sometimes beat fiercely upon us; but let them only drive us \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ." AW Pink

### III. Jesus commands us to be courageous and tells us \_\_\_\_\_

But Be of good cheer (KJV); ESV, NIV – take heart; NASB, NET – take courage

The word means, "To be firm or resolute in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ or adverse circumstances, be enheartened, be courageous"

Jesus simply says, "I (emphatic) have overcome the \_\_\_\_\_

The word is used only \_\_\_\_\_ in John's Gospel.



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Used of \_\_\_\_\_ in Rev. - Rev. 5:5; 17:14

Used of \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 John 2:14; 4:4; 5:5

Rev. 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12; **3:21; 12:11; 15:2; 21:7**

We can have peace in Him. His words brings us \_\_\_\_\_, they bring us joy

We can also face opposition and trouble with courage and heart, because our Savior has already \_\_\_\_\_ – He has already won – in death He defeated death and the devil. In resurrection, He conquered death and secured \_\_\_\_\_.

In ascension and session, He empowers us to \_\_\_\_\_ by faith, by courageous faith, strong faith, hearty faith. He prays that our faith does not fail, but that it overcomes!

