

# **Coronavirus and Christ**

## **Week 1—Handout**

### **I. The Occasion: Coronavirus**

- a. **Is this the first time America has ever faced a worldwide pandemic?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. “Of course precedents prove nothing. The past is warning, not fate. Nevertheless, this is a time when the fragile form of this world is felt. The seemingly solid foundations are \_\_\_\_\_.”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. “The question we should be asking is, Do we have a \_\_\_\_\_ under our feet? A \_\_\_\_\_ that cannot be shaken—ever?”

### **Part 1: The God Who Reigns Over the Coronavirus**

#### **Chapter 1: Come to the Rock**

### **II. When Cancer Came:**

- a. **What did the author mean when he said that “*Our hope is not in the odds. Our hope is in God*” and “The Rock we are talking about is better than that. Yes, better than healing”?**

### **III. God Spoke:**

- a. **What did the author mean when he said that God spoke to him?**

b. **What did God say to the author?** (1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)

c. **Why is the author sure that “Live or die,” God will be with him?**

IV. **Is the Rock Solid Only in the By-and-By?**

a. **What does the author say the blessed assurance of eternal life with God gives the Believer “now”?**

b. **What does the author mean when he says “The *object* of hope is future. The *experience* of hope is present. And that present experience is powerful.”?**

V. **His Fingers in Viruses**

a. **What does the author say he “could say in defense of God’s sweet word to me in the urologist’s office: ‘Live or die, you will be with me.’”? (2 Corinthians 12:15)**

VI. **Not “I’m Fine,” but “I Feel Fine”**

- a. **What does the author say is “the ultimate reason we ought not say, ‘I am fine’”? (James 4:13-15)**

VII. **If He Decides, We Do This or That**

- a. “The Rock I stand on (and want you to stand on) is the Rock of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in the world *now* and *forever*.”
- b. “If the Lord wills,” the Bible says, “we will live.” That’s about as involved \_\_\_\_\_ as you can get. Not just, “Whether you live or die, you will be with God,” but also, “God will decide if you live or die—\_\_\_\_\_.”
- c. “\_\_\_\_\_ is excluded from ‘this or that.’ He is \_\_\_\_\_ involved... *This* health, or *that* sickness. *This* economic collapse, or *that* recovery. *This* breath, or not.”
- d. **Describe in your own words what the author meant when he said: “This is my Rock—for today, tomorrow, and eternity.”?**

VIII. **Come to the Rock**

- a. “My aim is to show why God in Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ at this moment in history—in this pandemic or the coronavirus—and what it is like to stand on his mighty love.”