

Five unshakable things

Five comforting assurances as to God's unchallenged control

Fulfilment of God's purposes for humanity rests on the following five certainties.

First is *God's Throne*. His throne in heaven (mentioned 39 times in the book of Revelation) *overrides all earthly thrones*.

Second is *God's Word*. "The word of the Lord endures forever" 1 Peter 1.25. The world's best-seller remains immovable, unshakable, unequalled, unchallenged - *more relevant than tomorrow's newspaper*.

Third, Jesus said *his Church* would also be indestructible - and it is! Why is this important? Because the Church is *God's voice to the world*. To ensure that she fulfils such a vital role, God guarantees her survival.

Fourth, is *the Christian's security*. Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish . . . *my Father . . . has given them to me*" John 10.28-29. (Emphasis added). No other world leader in all of history has ever dared to match this stupendous claim.

Fifth, God's final assurance is *the love of Christ*: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" asks the apostle Paul. In Romans 8.38-39 he ransacks the universe for anything that might conceivably separate us. *He lists ten supposed threats* - death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, any other created thing - *and dismisses them all*.

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Why succumb to fear and anxiety when we have so many powerful reasons for trusting God?

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