

Vineyard Church of the Peninsula

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The Risk to Us

The darkness is deep, **but Light still pierces it**. Evil is rampant, **but God's radiant glory covers the earth as the waters cover the sea**. Injustice, racism, and prejudice form a heinous, unholy trinity, **but the Judge of the whole earth sees all and is coming back to restore order**. Sorrowing and sighing and suffering threaten to overwhelm, **but there is a Morning Sun who comes with healing in His wings**. Death visits all, **but its sting has been overcome by Him who is life everlasting**. Life is full of snares and pitfalls and disappointments and tragedies and lots of sin-production **but mercy triumphs over judgment**. Chaos and fear and doom-speak seduce undiscerning hearts, **but the Prince of Peace is inviting the lonely, the weak, the believing, into his warm embrace**. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to unleash its global disruption, **but Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Tav, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Completion."** (Rev. 22:13, TPT) So, now let's talk about the risk to us.

2 Corinthians 4:6-18

1. v. 6 – Risk reduced in _____
2. vv. 7-9 – Risk reduced with _____
pressured but not _____,
confused but not _____,
persecuted but not _____,
knocked down but not _____.
3. vv. 10-12 – Risk reduced as _____
4. vv. 13-15 – Risk reduced as _____
5. vv. 16-18 – Risk reduced with _____

*"For to us a child is born . . . of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."
from Isaiah 9*