



It is well with my soul— Colossians 2:13-14

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As we begin 2026, no one but God knows what lays ahead, globally, nationally or personally. What will be the state of my soul if my 'lot' this year is not favourable, or worse, what I most dread?

Bob reminds us of the glorious Gospel found in these two verses in order to ground us in the finished work of Christ, so that come what may, we can still say with absolute confidence in Christ that "It is well with my soul".

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?

- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- As you anticipate 2026 what will you look forward to? What is cause for trepidation?
- How might the message of our utter inability (to save ourselves) lead to joy?
- After the sermon, we sang the words 'whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul'. What hinders you most from singing these words wholeheartedly? What from today's message might counter this? How can you take it into the depth of your heart this year?