

OCTOBER 9

**“GOD HAS GREATER LOVE,
PATIENCE, AND GRACE THAN
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READ

Revelation 3:10-11, Romans 5:9

One day there will be a “catching away” of the faithful. The Church will not have to face the wrath of God, but will be caught away in the twinkling of an eye. The world economy is in steady decline, the crime rate is increasing, persecution is on the rise. There is constant attack on the traditional family, a growing intolerance of Christianity, and compromise in the pulpit. Soon the anger of God is going to be poured out on those who do not love God. That day is coming. We are to be living soberly and righteously, looking for Jesus to return. When the Church goes off on tangents that have nothing to do with Jesus, it loses its momentum and joy. Our joy is to be only in the fact that God loves us. God has greater love, patience, and grace than we’ve been told. After we’ve failed and denied Him, He still pursues us. We worry about persevering. Uncertainty is part of the persevering. It’s not your strength, but His. He is able to keep what you’ve committed to Him until that day.

PRAY

Jesus, You took God’s wrath for me. Thank You for loving me so much that You would give up heaven’s glory to become a man and bear my sins. Help me to persevere, relying on Your strength, not my own. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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