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Grace and Peace!

When I was a kid, sometimes a radio disc jockey would say, “The hits just keep on coming.” It was a way of saying what a great radio station I was listening to. I have looked over my letters to you in recent weeks, and it is so hard to imagine that next week’s news will be any more momentous than this week’s, but it does seem to keep happening. So, the hits just keep on coming, but these hits are not top-40 songs.

These are trying times for all of us. Whatever your opinion of President Trump or President-elect Biden, I hope that we are all able to put our worldly leaders in the right place when it comes to our own hearts.

Yes, we have these leaders, and yes, they make a difference. And when we vote for or against them, we may feel like we have some responsibility for having put them in office (or kept them out).

But this is probably the most critical time I can think of in my adult life when it is really important for us to remember how we are led, and by whom. Our earthly leaders are important. But we know that they will all fail in ways great or small. They are bound to, because they, like we, are humans.

But we have a Good Shepherd, who seeks to lead us in the ways of love and life. And we dare not ever confuse any of our earthly leaders for that Good Shepherd, who never fails us. No matter the goings on in the world, we will continue to be led by our Lord, Jesus, and we will continue to proclaim him as our savior and our guide. And no one else—no other president or party—will ever occupy that role.

Blessings,

Brian Jones