Four Little Words

Veterans Day

**Text:** Acts 27:25 “Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.”

**Introduction:** When this country was founded it was founded by men and women who believed in God. Although their reasons for coming may have varied many of them wanted to be free to worship God with-out government intrusion. Many were fleeing persecution and poverty. Most of those who came to America left behind their families and never ever saw them again. They risked emotional and physical sec-urity as well as their very life in an attempt to have a better life for their families. Some of the people who came were preachers and priests. Some came along to minister to the pioneers and others came to evangelize the American Indians. It is interesting to me that this nations motto is only four little words. Does anyone know what they are?

**I. In God we trust:** If you want to check it out then pull out your wallet and check out the back of the paper money located there. As you look around you; do you think that our nation’s motto reflects the attitudes of those that you know in this country? Is there anyone presently serving in our government that really lives as if they believe these four little words? Now let’s bring it home: is this motto reflective of how you live? Do you remember the story of the rich young ruler? In Luke 18 we read how he asked Jesus how to inherit eternal life. What was the answer he got?\_\_ What was his response? \_\_ Sadly, he represents the attitude of most Americans today. His problem was not the money that he possessed but the money that possessed him. Four more words are:

**II. One Nation under God:** In the pledge of allegiance we find these words. The words “under God” were added by Dwight Eisenhower’s administration. He was also the president that championed the chang-ing of the motto from “E Pluribus Unum” to “In God we trust.” I must ask if in your opinion you believe that we are really “one nation under God?” Oh we are certainly under Him even if we fail to acknowledge the fact but to live as if we recognize His Lordship would result in a different way of life for most people that I know. WWJD would be more than four letters on a bracelet: they would be a way of life! Four more little words found in the pledge are:

**III. Liberty, justice for all**: Is that a truth in the America that you know? Do you see these four words practiced in our country? Is there more liberty and justice for the wealthy than for the rest of America? With the mountain of evidence against OJ Simpson he was acquitted. Is that justice in our justice system? Or is it what 7 million dollars can buy? Is there justice for the photographer and baker who elect not to violate their consciences and bake a cake for a gay wedding? Is their justice for the Christian who objects to funding abortions with their tax dollars? Is there justice for the victims of abortion (the baby’s them-selves)? There are four more words that are important :

**IV. Father, Son, Holy Ghost**: more commonly known as the Trinity. These are more than just four little words. These three persons were present at creation and have never left. The Father established a relationship with the first two persons who were made in the image of God. When they sinned against Him; He promised a deliverer. He kept His promise by sending His only begotten Son. Jesus led and taught His followers and brought a revolution to the known world which culminated in His death, burial, and resurrection. This provided a path of salvation for anyone who desired to find eternal life. When He left He promised to send the Holy Ghost to guide us. These four words are capable of providing all things that we need in these final days before the return. The final four words are found in the last chapter of the Bible:

**V. Surely I come quickly:** He’s coming back. Are you ready?