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**IN TIMES LIKE THESE**  
***(Ruth Caye Jones, 1902-1972)***

*Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life".*  
(John 6:68)

Wars, earthquakes, famines, violence, drugs, child abuse, humanism, the occult, New Age... When world events and ideologies like these seem ominous and unsettling to us or when personal sorrows or tragedies confront us, where can we go but to the Lord? How comforting it is to know that we can always flee to Him and rest securely on our "Solid Rock". During the fearful days at the height of World War II, when the stress and strain of daily living seemed almost overwhelming, the comforting hymn, "In Times Like These" was written. In the midst of a busy day as a housewife, Ruth Caye Jones felt a direct inspiration from the Holy Spirit. She stopped her work to quickly put down both words and music just as they were given to her by God.

Since that day, the hymn has been a blessing to countless Christians at special times of need. It has brought comfort during illness, has been used widely at funerals, has encouraged and challenged Christian workers, and has drawn many to salvation. Mrs. Jones experienced for herself the consolation the words of the song could bring as she spent time recovering from serious surgery a few years after it was written.

The Scriptures warn that world conditions will continue to get worse as we approach the end of this age and the return of Christ. In addition, we must prepare ourselves for the difficult times that come to everyone as life progresses. We can only remain firm when we know with conviction that our God is in control and that all things are working out for our ultimate good. In the meantime, we simply grip the "Solid Rock!"

~ In times like these you need a Savior; in times like these you need an anchor; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

~In times like these you need the Bible; in times like these O be not idle; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

~In times like these I have a Savior; in times like these I have an anchor; I'm very sure, I'm very sure my anchors holds and grips the Solid Rock!

**Refrain:** This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One; this Rock is Jesus, the only One! Be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

**For Today:** Job13:13, 15; 19:25, 27; Psalm 56:11; Isaiah 26:3, 4

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*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20*

