

Eternal Life Through Jesus

Problems: Will they come?

A Study for New Christians

PROBLEMS

1. How many problems might a Christian have to face? Acts 14:22
 - Give examples of some of these problems...
2. Why does God allow Christians to face problems? James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Peter 1:6-7
 - How do problems test our faith?
 - Why does God want our faith to be tested?
 - Why is it to your advantage that your faith be tested?

HOW CAN I OVERCOME PROBLEMS?

3. What kind of attitude does God want us to have when problems arise? James 1:2, Hebrews 12:5-11
 - Why does He want us to have that kind of attitude?
 - How will this help you to overcome problems?
4. How can the glory of heaven help you with problems here on earth? Romans 8:18
5. What does "...all things work together for good..." mean? Romans 8:28
 - To whom is this promise made?
 - How will this help you to overcome problems?
6. How will God help us to pass these tests of faith? 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - What does "...common to man..." mean?
 - Why does this verse emphasize the *faithfulness* of God?
 - To what extent will God *not* allow you to be tempted?
 - What does God promise to provide for you in this verse?
 - How will this help you to overcome problems?
7. How can we deal with anxiety? Philippians 4:6-9, 1 Peter 5:7
 - With what kind of thoughts should we fill our minds?
 - How will this help you with problems?

8. How can the realization, that serious problems do *not* indicate separation from God, help you to deal with those problems? Romans 8:35-39

WHERE WILL HELP COME FROM?

9. How much does it help to realize that God is working with you? Philippians 2:12-13, Hebrews 13:5-6
10. How will God's word help you? 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - How often will we find the answer to a specific problem in the pages of God's word?
11. What will other Christians do for you? Galatians 6:2, Romans 15:1
 - What should you do for them?

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?

12. Which of the following problems apply to you?
 - * PERSECUTION (Matthew 5:10-12)
 - * OPPOSITION from family and friends (Matthew 10:34-39)
 - * PRESSURE of work (Matthew 6:31-33, 13:22, Luke 10:38-42)
 - * LONELINESS/ISOLATION (Acts 2:42, Psalm 23)
 - * PHYSICAL ILLNESS (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
 - * PESTERED by former religious leaders (2 John 9-11)
 - * PERSONALITY CLASH with other Christians (Romans 12:18, 14:13)
 - * BAD EXAMPLE from other "Christians" (Hebrews 12:2)
 - * OTHER: Specify

Using principles from this lesson, how will you overcome them?

CONCLUSION

13. What provision does the Bible make for continued forgiveness when we stumble on the narrow way? 1 John 1:8-9, Acts 8:18-24
14. Are you going to allow the problems that are sure to arise, to become stepping-stones to greater maturity?