

FAITH ON TRIAL

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Our faith has been given to us by God that we might please Him and overcome whatever problem the world's system may present. The scripture says, "for whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith" (1 John 5:4). The Lord has given us His faith as victory. This gift of faith is His life working in us.

We now have the faith of Jesus Christ through His resurrection from the dead. Jesus says, "in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The faith that is in the believer has already overcome the world. This overcoming faith is given to all who are born of God. Therefore, we enjoy victory over the world as Christ does. His victorious faith is our gift.

Peter tells us that the goal of our faith is the salvation of our souls. We will be saved to the fullest as a result of the gift of faith given to us by Jesus Christ our Lord. We encounter many problems in our walk with the Lord that are complex and humanly impossible to overcome. Using human means to try to solve them only complicates our already difficult lives. However, when we employ the faith that belongs to Jesus, we overcome whatever the world brings against us. When Christ faced death in the garden, He did not waver but said, "shall I not drink the cup which my father has given me?" (John 18:11). What an attitude! We can have the same one with the same results!

I realize many of you are undergoing fiery trials but remember that you are kept by the power of God through faith. Also, the genuineness of your faith is more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire. God's desire is that this faith may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ. "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy" (1 Peter 4:12,13).

I am praying for you. Remain strong in your faith!