

## No Escape Needed for N.T. Believers

The believer has escaped the corruptions and pollutions of this world (2 Pet. 1:4; 2:20), the Lord Jesus Christ delivered us from this present evil age Gal. 1:4), He delivered us from the power of darkness, we have been "translated into the Kingdom of Jesus, (Col. 1:13). Having escaped the world powers we cannot escape any more. God saved us and keeps us while Christ sent us back into the world (John 17:14-18). The believer is saved through faith in Jesus, sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 3:30) and preserved for Jesus (Jude 1:1), who's life is hidden with Christ in God - Col. 3:3 (See also Psalm 91).

Escaping always has a negative connotation in the N.T., while having found refuge in Christ (Hebr. 6:18) and abiding in Him (John 15:5) have positive associations and hopes.

We have the promise that God is faithful. It means that God trustworthy, fully committed to us, He can be totally trusted to keep and preserve His children according to His great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4).

According to this verse, what has God promised? God will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able..."

This is a great and faithful promise to every believer. God's provisions in Christ are of such nature of reliability that we never have to be overcome or be invaded by anything in life that we cannot handle. Therefore, Peter warns us to cast our cares upon Him, live sober that the adversary

## He has provided the resources you need to get through the tribulation.

"...but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

When I think of "a way to escape" the first thing that comes to my mind is being removed from the difficulty.

But the elimination of adversity is not what is in focus here. There are two reasons why I say that.

First, the phrase "to bear it" comes from the Greek word *hupophero*, (*hoop-of-er'-o* -- 5297) which means to bear from underneath, implying to undergo hardship. This is not implying the removal of the problem but the removal of the carnal weaknesses that are subject to demonic attacks and are incapable of dealing with satanic powers.

## "Way of Escape."

### 1545 Greek ἔκβασις - ekbasis

Thayer Definition: 1) an egress, way out, exit,

- 1a) applied figuratively to the way of escape from temptation
- 2) the issue referring to the end of one's life,

2a) Heb 13:7 refers not only to end of physical life, but the manner in which they closed a well spent life as exhibited by their spirit in dying

A Related Word by Thayer's and Strong's Number: from a compound of G1537 and the base of G939 (meaning to go out)

The second reason I am sure the removal of trouble is not in focus in 1 Corinthians 10:13 is because "the word translated, "way of escape" was used of sailors lightening their ships in a storm by throwing overboard heavy cargo (Acts 27:18-38).  
Act 27:38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out<sup>1544</sup> the wheat into the sea.

The way of escape for the believer can involve the idea of being shown by God what of the believer's life style baggage or reaction patterns need to be discarded, thrown overboard and replaced with God-honoring behavior and response in faith."

Many times God uses the trials of life to draw us closer to Himself. He wants us to get rid of the excess baggage that is hindering our fellowship with Him. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

When God promises a way of escape it does not necessarily have to deal with the problem our way. Matter of fact He doesn't have deal with it in a natural way because the cause of the problem lies in the spiritual world so He must make us to see the spiritual ramifications so we surrender all of our carnalities. The adversary, the devil has been defeated, and lost his hold over every believer in every area that has been freed from fleshly baggage.

What He will teach us, is to rely on the resources He has provided in and through the Holy Spirit.

As believers in Jesus Christ we also need to learn to be victorious over problems in life through Him and we will when we rely on Him.