

Trusting God In Times of Temptation

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God is faithful and never abandons us in moments of temptation. Instead, He provides a way of escape so that we can bear it.

It is important to understand that the escape we want, and the one God provides may differ significantly. If we do not trust GOD, we may question God's faithfulness based on whether His way aligns with our desires.

In Matthew 4, when Jesus was tempted, God did not remove the temptations: "Turn these stones to bread..." "Throw yourself from the pinnacle of the temple in the Holy City..." and "All this I will give you if you fall down and worship me." The Father never forsook Him, even though the temptations continued.

After fasting for forty days and nights, naturally the human body of Jesus was on the brink of starvation. The real trial was not just the temptation to turn stones to bread but trusting that He would not perish in the wilderness and would fulfill His purpose by dying on the cross. He understood the prophecies and the plan established before the foundation of the world. God's way of escape for Jesus was to remember His Word.

Jesus relied on God's Word, saying, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

After His resurrection, Jesus reminded His disciples, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

Jesus understood and accepted the will of God concerning Him. Even when His physical body neared the edge of starvation after fasting forty days and nights in the wilderness, He overcame by trusting in the plan.

Overcoming temptation: God's Promise of Support

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No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. Paul emphasizes that while everyone encounters temptation, the challenges we face are not unique; others face similar situations before us. You are neither the first nor the last.

Scripture assures us, that GOD will not suffer us to be tempted "...above what we are able..."

The word "suffer" means to permit or leave alone. It is comforting to read the verse this way: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not leave you alone to be tempted, above that ye are able..."

God is faithful, He knows that without Him, we would fail. Therefore, He will never abandon us in times of temptation. The phrase, "...above that which you are able to bear..." includes all temptations.

We must never think, "I can handle this on my own" nor believe that God ever says, "This one can be managed without Me."

I love the words in the hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" by Robert Lowry and Annie S. Hawks (1872) "I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord... Stay Thou near; temptations lose their power when Thou art here."

God is faithful and will never leave us alone to face our struggles. Instead, He provides a way of escape so we can endure and overcome.

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear, Romans 10:17, Believe, John-8:24, Repent, Luke 13:3, Confess, Romans-10:9-10, Baptism, Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful, Revelation 2:10

6/29/25

Gospel Meeting

Guest Speaker

Jay Dixon

June 27th-29th, 7:00 PM Nightly

Sunday morning Bible Study, 10 AM

Sunday morning worship 11 AM

Sunday evening worship 6 PM

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Everyone is Welcome To Attend!

Matthew 16:18



The Biblical Truth: Don't Join Be Added To The Church

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Over the course of life, many will choose to join a specific church. This decision may be influenced by various factors. Some will base their decision on family tradition, saying, "This is what my parents believed, so I believe it too," or "This is where my grandfather attended, so I will attend here as well." However, basing faith solely on tradition or circumstance is to choose without faith-based conviction. Our soul is far too valuable to leave to mere happenstance.

Some might select a church based on its popularity, wondering which congregation everyone else is joining. Others may choose a church where little focus is placed on scripture but rather entertaining stories or lighthearted talks with little meaningful application. Others may seek a church that caters to satisfying the flesh, providing entertainment and creating a feel-good environment where sin is not addressed, neither is there accountability.

While there may be other reasons for choosing a specific church, what does the Bible say.

In Matthew 16, after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Jesus responds in V18, "I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Likewise, in Acts 20:28, Paul speaks to the Ephesian elders about their duty to shepherd the flock they were made overseers of by the Holy Spirit, highlighting that Jesus purchased the church with His own blood.

In Ephesians 1:22-23, Paul explains that the Father has placed all things under the feet of Jesus and made Him the head over everything to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:4-6

We should not seek "a church" but the church identified in the scriptures above as belonging to Christ.

On the day of Pentecost, after Peter's powerful sermon, the crowd asked what they must do. Peter told them to, "...repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:37-38

"Then those who gladly received the word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added unto them." Acts 2:41

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who being saved." Acts 2:47

We do not join the church; instead, when we obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ fulfilling what He requires, the Lord adds us to His church, His one body. This is the body He promised to build, purchased with His blood, and serves as the head of. Do not seek to join "a church" but first seek to be added to "The church."