

# “In the World Ye Shall Have Tribulation”

John 16:33

## Introduction:

- A. Jesus has not promised Christians a “rose bed” in this life.
  - 1. He has promised great blessings, but with persecutions (Mk. 10:30)
  - 2. We are not only given the privilege of believing, but of suffering (Phil. 1:29)
- B. Jesus foresees the world in two lights for those who follow him.

## Discussion:

### I. A Troubled World (v. 33a)

- A. Nature-inflicted troubles – world cursed by sin (Cf. Gen. 3:17-19)
  - 1. Natural disasters
  - 2. Sickness and Accidents
  - 3. Death.
- B. Man-inflicted troubles (cf. Ex. 20:5)
  - 1. Natural fall-out from sins of others.
    - a. Good people in a sinful nation.
    - b. Innocent children of sinful parents.
    - c. Good people hit by drunken driver.
  - 2. As result of deliberate acts against others.
    - a. People murdered, molested, etc.
    - b. Jesus died at hand of wicked.
    - c. Christians suffering persecution (Matt. 5:11; 1 Pet. 4:16)
      - (1) Sometimes by sincere zealots.
      - (2) Sometimes by envious and hateful people (Acts 13:45)
- C. Self-inflicted troubles (cf. Gal. 6:7)
  - 1. Bad business decisions.
  - 2. Bad friendship decisions.
  - 3. Bad marriage decisions
  - 4. Bad moral decisions.

### II. A Conquered World (v. 33b)

- A. He Overcame the World by *Resisting Temptation*. (Mt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15)
- B. He Overcame the World by His *Death and Resurrection*.
  - 1. Overcame sin by his death. (cf. Heb. 10:1-10).
  - 2. Overcame death and Satan by his resurrection.
- C. He Overcame the World by His *Ascension and Glorification*.
  - 1. From heaven he reigns over world. (Eph. 1:19-23).
  - 2. In heaven he lives as king and priest.
    - a. Ever lives to make intercession. (Heb. 7:25).
    - b. Ever lives to give help in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16).

## Conclusion:

- A. We must accept that we will have trouble as long as we are in this world.
- B. We must “be of good cheer” for Christ as overcome the world – so can we through him.