

Romans 8:5-6 (NKJV)

5 For those who live according to the flesh SET THEIR MINDS on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, SET THEIR MINDS on the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Proverbs 16:32 (NASB95)

32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,

And HE WHO RULES HIS SPIRIT, than he who captures a city.

OUR GOAL IS TO LEARN TO RULE OUR MENTAL ATTITUDES

How to Control our

Emotions

In the midst of adversity

1. **Adversity** in the Christians walk is that which is in opposition to the **abundant life**:

2. God uses the **adversities** that come against us, to **teach us to access and apply His word**:

John 8:31-32 (NASB95)

31 So Jesus was saying to those (Jews who had believed) in Him,

"If you continue in My word then you are truly disciples of Mine

32 and you will know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** will make you free."

John 10:10 (NASB95)

10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

Proverbs 24:10 (NKJV)

10 If you faint in the day of **adversity**, Your strength is small.

So we just need to be strengthened, and that happens through Bible doctrine

Proverbs 15:1 (NASB95)

1 A gentle answer turns away **wrath**, but a harsh word stirs up **anger**.

Proverbs 15:18 (NASB95)

18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger calms a dispute.

When we don't have an answer for the difficulty we're facing, we ask God and **diligently wait**

The focus in Peter is **deliverance** in trials and tests in this life.

And as is common throughout the New Testament there's an emphasis on our ultimate rewards

but the primary focus is deliverance in the midst of trials in the here and now.

1 Peter 1:1-4 (NASB95)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood. **May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The purpose lacks the hope

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undecaying and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Key words:

Purpose clause

in phase 2 salvation we're saved from the power of sin.

This is spiritual life, spiritual growth, and learning as Paul says in Romans 8:

Romans 8:13 (NAB95)

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

1 John 1:9 (BBV)

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Phase 2 salvation

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.

Purpose clause

7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable,

Through faith we can rejoice in the midst of trials being fully persuaded that salvation will come

7:13 Rejoice⁹ (dokimion) is a genuineness or steadfastness of having been tested (genuineness, genuine; live not dissimulate despite only outwardly - rightly) because

know that your faith is genuine 1 Pe 1:7

even though tried by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him and though you do not see Him now,

John 14:21 (NASB95)

21 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy, irrepressible and full of glory.

9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation⁷ of your souls.

a parallel passage in James

James 1:2-4 (NASB95)

2 Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith

produces endurance.

4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Neither is it talking about Phase 1 salvation.

It's **GOD'S TEACHING**

on Phase 2 salvation **how we are to respond** to negative circumstances, adversity, testing, and suffering in this present life.

This is important when we get to verse 10:

11 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

12 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the suffering of Christ and the glories to follow.

Phase 1 salvation

Most often the tendency is to think that the **primary focus is just the work of Christ on the cross**

But what happened on the cross?

Answer: **Jesus suffered**

And the topic hear in Peter is suffering

Jesus glorified the Father and as a result of that, Jesus was delivered through the resurrection.

That's the pattern that Peter is setting for us, the work that Jesus Christ modeled for us.

So this is not a teaching on how to get into Heaven!

But rather it's teaching how deliverance is obtained in the midst of **adversities** right now **by putting our faith in'** or being fully persuaded of these words and trust in God delivering them to us through Peter

12 It was revealed to them that they were not saving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

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This whole section is about rejoicing in the midst of the present fiery trial, **because of our knowledge of the Word, which is our love for Christ** that enables us to look to a future deliverance in this life as well as the glories to come.

2. Even though it's hard when you look at some of the language in this passage to think that this isn't talking about what is accomplished for our justification; **BUT CONTEXT ONCE AGAIN IS THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE MEANING OF THE TEXT**

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