

# Anchored Through Adversity



**Romans 5:1-6, Job 14:1**

- One of the greatest misconceptions about being a Christian is that we are exempt from any type of adversity.
  - Life here on earth comes with its own unique set of problems, challenges, setbacks and disappointments.
  - Life also comes with moments of laughter, joy, peace and blessings for those who are in Christ Jesus.
  - Purpose – to teach us how to overcome the tests and trials while remaining anchored in Jesus Christ and His promises.
  - Goal – to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ so that we don't lose hope in times of adversity.
  - Objective – (1) Trusting God in Times of Adversity (2) Growing in Times of Adversity, (3) Joy in Times of Adversity, (4) Patience in Times of Adversity
  - Spiritual Principles – Authority, Agreement, Obedience, Stewardship, Faith, Grace, Unconditional Love
  - Jesus Christ has given us as believers a new life, we are no longer dead in our sins and trespasses (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1), but that does not mean that we will not face difficulty and hardship in this life.
- Notice what Jesus says about adversity in (John 16:33, Matthew 5:45)
    1. Because of Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection, every believer can enjoy true peace.
    2. Jesus tells them you shall have tribulation (difficulty, trouble, hard times, test and trials, suffering and persecution) from the world.
    3. Jesus knew that trials and tribulation were unavoidable in the world, but He knew that His peace would never avoid them. (John 14:27)
    4. Jesus tells them to be of good cheer (don't lose heart, don't be discouraged) by what I tell you – "For I have overcome the world."

- A. Here's the unavoidable truth in the matter. Until you settle "God's Ownership Principle" – the enemy will always use doubt and fear in situations and circumstances to unsettle our lives.**
- **The Spiritual Principle of Stewardship – God's plan to fulfill my life. Only God through Jesus Christ.**
  - **What does the word "adversity" mean?**
    - 1. A state of hardship, difficulty, affliction, misfortune, or tragedy that one deals with in life.**
    - 2. Adversity can come in different forms such as trouble, opposition, pressure, chastening (correction, discipline), mental or physical illness, losing a loved one, anguish, sorrow, testing or tribulation or experience type of failure in one's life.**
  - **The believers must always put their hope, faith and trust in Jesus Christ – He alone assures us a life of victory!**