“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)
      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.
      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.