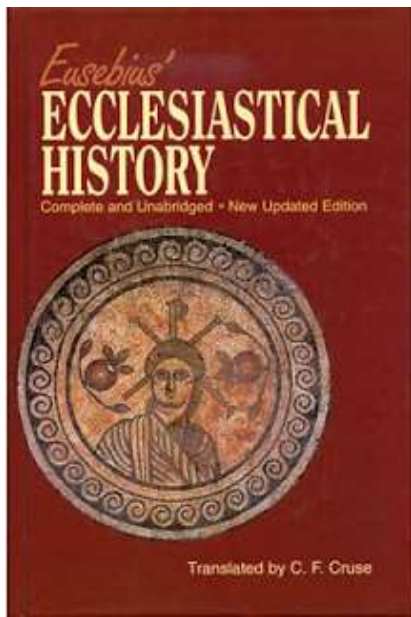


When You're Squeezed What Comes Out?

Acts 14:19-22





Eusebius was a pastor in Caesarea who lived approximately ca. 265 - ca. 39. Eusebius is considered to be the "father of church history."

Around AD 315 he became the pastor of Caesarea where he served until he died.

Eusebius was very active in the theological discussions of his day. He became an advisor to Constantine. Eusebius was a prolific writer. He wrote what is considered to be a classic history of Christianity equal to the works of Flavius Josephus, who wrote a history of the Jews. Eusebius records the events of the first three centuries of the Christian church in such a manner that resulted in the recording of a number of facts about the early Christian church that can not be known from any other source.

John 15:18-21 (NKJV)

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

WHEN YOU'RE



When You're Squeezed, What Comes Out?

Acts 14:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

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1 Peter 4:12-14 (NKJV)

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.



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Matthew 5:44

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Luke 6:22-23

“Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”



I. How Do I Respond to Adversity?

Acts 14:22 (NKJV)

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I. How Do I Respond to Adversity?

Matthew 12:34b-35 (NIV)

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (NIV)

²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.



II. How Should a Christ Follower Respond to Adversity?

Galatians 5:16-24 NLT



16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed

Galatians 5:16-24 NLT



by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. 19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone

Galatians 5:16-24 NLT



living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Father forgive them...



Romans 12:2 HCSB



Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

2 Corinthians 4:16 NIV



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Ephesians 4:23 (HCSB)

you are being renewed in the spirit of your mind;

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Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)

²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

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Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)

²⁵Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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1 Corinthians 10:21 (HCSB)

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot share in the Lord's table and the table of demons.

III. What is my Responsibility in Observing the Lord's Table Today?



A Table of Remembrance



A Table of Repentance



A Table of Renewal



Communion by Third Day



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x6khRQFI0c>