

“The Way of Escape”

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1 Corinthians 10:13

- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.”

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“Way of escape” # 1

- **Follow the example of Jesus!**
1 Peter 2:21-24; 4:1-4
- Did no sin!
- Did not use guile!
- Did not revile back!
- Went as a lamb to the slaughter! Isaiah 53:7
 - “the Lamb of God” – John 1:29, 36

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“Way of escape” # 2

- **Don't violate your conscience!**
Romans 14:23; 1 John 3:20
- Jews on Pentecost:
 - “pricked in their heart” – “to pierce thoroughly, i.e. (figuratively) to agitate violently (“sting to the quick”): – prick.” (Strong's)
- Jews Stephen addressed:
 - Railed on & stoned the messenger!
Acts 7:51-60; cf. Ephesians 4:17-20

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“Way of escape” # 3

- **Use Scripture as did Jesus!**
Matthew 4:1-11
- “It is written” – Matthew 4:1-11
- “... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” Ephesians 6:17
 - Hebrews 4:12
- Must Study. 2 Timothy 2:15-18

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“Way of escape” # 4

- **Walk the strait and narrow way!**
Matthew 7:13-14
- This is the unpopular way!
- God's people are always in the minority!
 - A multitude crucified Jesus.
Matthew 27:24-26
 - Israelites wanted to be like everyone else. 1 Samuel 8

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“Way of escape” # 5

- **Choose godly companions!**
1 Corinthians 15:33-34; cf. 1 Corinthians 5:6
– To be godly, surround yourself with godly people! Romans 15:1

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“Way of escape” # 6

- **RUN! “Flee fornication”!**
1 Corinthians 6:15-18; cf. 2 Timothy 2:22
– Joseph Fleed! Genesis 39:1-21

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Summary

- **Some ways of escape ...**
 - Follow the example of Christ!
 - Don't violate your conscience!
 - Use Scripture as Jesus did!
 - Take the strait and narrow route!
 - Seek godly companions!
 - Run like Joseph did!

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Question

- Will we use the **“way of escape”** provided to bear up against the temptations of this life?

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