

sight. If the waves built up or dark clouds began to gather, he hurried to the dock. Let a fog start to roll in and he was back--in spite of having the latest equipment.

The third boat owner would rather be out to sea than anywhere. He never bothered to check a weather report, and an approaching storm excited him. He seemed happiest being behind the wheel with the waves crashing and the wind howling. He and his boat had been through a lot together. He called it "Wave Dancer" and he knew what it could do. Storms did not frighten him.

When it comes to the life of faith, some young believers don't trust enough to even cast off from the dock. They stay where it's safe and secure. Others make quick little jaunts out into the deeper waters of Christian experience, but they scamper back as soon as things start getting a little tough. Still others have ridden the rough seas of life with Christ their Pilot. They know by experience that He will not leave them, and that He keeps every one of the promises of His Word. They trust Him most when the storm blows the hardest.

What kind of "boater" are you? --DE

REFLECTION

- If I were to describe my faith-experience with God with a boat name, what would I call it?
- Do I usually keep myself away from situations that would test my faith? Why?
- What's the toughest, most demanding experience I've ever had with Christ? How did it come out?

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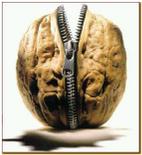
Christian Experience

Three boats were docked next to each other at the marina. The owner of the first boat was content to sit in his boat at the dock and enjoy the sea breezes and gentle lapping of the water. He waved at passing boaters and made small talk with his neighbors. He called his boat "The Tranquillity," and he left the dock only twice all summer.

The next man leaped onto the deck, fired up the engine, and headed out to sea. He enjoyed the spray of the water and the wind blowing through his hair. He waved cheerily to his fellow boaters. He called his boat "Fair Weather."

Funny thing about him. He always made certain that he kept the shore in





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Aspects of Christian Experience

Paul mentions three sets of Christian experience in Romans 1:5-7:

1. _____ experience,

Romans 1:5, 15:15

(1 Corinthians 15:8-10) "Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. {9} For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. {10} But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

(1 Timothy 1:12) "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,"

(Philippians 3:10) "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,"



2. _____ experience, Romans 1:5,

10:16



(1 Peter 4:17) "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

(Hebrews 11:8) "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."

(Matthew 6:21) "'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(1 Corinthians 6:18) "Flee sexual immorality. ..."

(Hebrews 10:25) "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..."

(Psalms 101:3) "I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; .."



3. _____ experience, Romans 1:6-7

Romans 1:6-7 mentions 4 aspects of their experience. They were:

◆ The _____, verse 6, 8:28-30

(Acts 2:7-10) "Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? {8} "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? {9} "Parthians and Medes .. {10} "... visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,"

(Matthew 20:16) "'... For many are called, but few chosen.'"

◆ _____ by God, verse 7

(Matthew 3:17) "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

(Ephesians 1:6) "to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved."

◆ _____, verse 7,

◆ _____, verse 7, 3:23-24, 5:1, 8:6, 14:19

(Ephesians 1:4) "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,"

