

A stack of papers is shown, with the top sheet being white and the others appearing aged and yellowed. The white sheet has the text "WHAT CAN BE GAINED IN TROUBLED TIMES" printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered on the page. The background behind the papers is a dark, textured surface.

**WHAT CAN BE GAINED IN
TROUBLED TIMES**

PEACE WITH GOD

(Rom 5:10 NIV) For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life.

Enemies of God

- I discounted God's plan for my for my own.
- I was involved in things that were directly contrary to Gods Kingdom.
- I spurred the precious sacrifice that God had made on my behalf.

Point #1:

**Before you believe on Jesus, you were
an enemy of God.**

Got Trouble?

(Rom 5:3 NLT) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure.

What can God teach us from Trouble?

- 1.) God can teach us obedience
(*Hebrews 5:8*)
- 2.) God can test our faith
(*1 Peter 4:19*)
- 3.) God can turn adversity to triumph
(*1 Peter 5:10*)

Point #2:

Problems can become meaningful when we find purpose in them.

Character counts

(Rom 5:4 NLT) And endurance develops strength of character in us,

So let it grow

(James 1:2-4 NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything.

Point #3:

Allow the circumstances in your help to help you grow.

Hope

*(Rom 5:4 NLT) and character strengthens
our confident expectation of salvation*

Point #4:

Character exercised builds faith.

CONCLUSION