

## **1 Peter 1:6-9**

### **Belief: Joy in the Fire!**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Christian Life is a Paradoxical Life (**2 Cor 4:8-11**)
2. God Orders the Christian Life Opposite from the World
3. The Christian Life Mingles Joy with Grief (**2 Cor 6:10**)

#### **Main Idea of 1 Peter 1:6-9**

**God ordains Christian suffering through trials in order to produce genuine faith. And Christians have a contented joy in the midst of the trials given because their trust is in the Unseen Christ.**

#### **Joy In The Midst Of Grief (v 6)**

1. What is “*This*”?
2. Christians Rejoice in Salvation Provided by God
  - a. **John 15:10-11, Philippians 4:4, 1 Thess 5:16**
  - b. We are commanded to Delight in the Lord
  - c. Doctrinal Truth: Trinity, New Birth, A Living Hope → Nourishes the Believer
3. Joy Mingled With Grief
  - a. The Grief is Momentary – Life is Short
    - i. Compared to Eternal Inheritance
  - b. Various, or Manifold – all colors, spectrum
    - i. Many Forms – Disease, Illness, Death
  - c. God Designs & Ordains Grievous Trials
    - i. *If Necessary* – God Necessitates Trials
    - ii. **Romans 8:28, 1 Peter 3:17, 4:19**
    - iii. The Suffering We Experience is not to Destroy Us, but to Grow Us
    - iv. Christians Trust God in the Trials
  - d. The Christian Life is Full of Trials just as Our Master’s Life Was

#### **Grievous Trials Produces Genuine Faith (v 7)**

1. Genuine Faith is a Tested Faith
  - a. Trials Have a Purpose (**James 1:2-4**)
  - b. Grief is NOT Meaningless (**1 Peter 1:6-7**)
  - c. The Test of Faith VALIDATES Your Faith

2. Refined Faith in Christ is More Valuable than Gold
  - a. **See Malachi 3:2-3, 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4**
  - b. Gold Perishes
  - c. Gold is Purified by Fire
  - d. Result is a Precious Metal
  - e. God LOVES Your Faith MORE!!! – He Refines Your Faith to Rid it of Impurities
  - f. What happens when ALL is removed from you?
  - g. A Loving God will not leave you in the world to Wonder about the Genuineness of Your Faith
3. Tested Faith Produces a Praiseworthy Faith
  - a. Our Faith will be VINDICATED
  - b. God Praises HIS Work in YOU!
  - c. Your Faith, through grievous trials will be praised, honored, and gloried in by God at the End
  - d. Jesus will receive a crown – But so will you! (**1 Peter 5:4**)
  - e. God Gives Glory to Receive Glory in Return

#### **Genuine Faith Sees With The Eyes OF The Heart (vv 8-9)**

1. You Have Not Seen Jesus, You Have Faith In Him
  - a. You Love Him – His Character and Virtue
  - b. You Believe in Him – Without Physical Sight
  - c. You Rejoice with Joy in Him
    - i. This Joy is Inexpressible
      1. Doesn’t Mean No Sadness
      2. Doesn’t Mean No Frustration
      3. BUT Contented Joy in Trials
      4. We do not grieve as those who have no hope
    - ii. This Joy is Filled with Glory Now
      1. **1 Corinthians 3:17-18**
      2. Glory Produced in You
      3. God Loves You; He will Not Leave You as You Are
      4. Conform to Image of Christ
  - d. Though You Slay me... (**Job 13:15a**)
2. Final Outcome of Genuine/Tested Faith is Salvation: My Soul is Safe with Thee!