

Series "Living God Gives A Living Hope"
"Necessity Of Hardships"
1 Peter 1:6-9
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1 Peter 1:1-5 – Peter starts with God.

1 Peter 1:6-9 – Sadness And Gladness Together.

1 Peter 1:1-2:10 – God's Grace and Salvation.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Faith Must Be Tested. A Faith That Can't Be Tested, Surely Can't Be Trusted."

1. Verses 6-7 – Preparation For Future Glory

2. Verses 8-9 – Enjoying The Future Glory

1. Verses 6-7 – Preparation For Future Glory:

1 Peter 1:6 – "In this you greatly rejoice," – In What do "You Greatly Rejoice?" The word "this" refers back to the "salvation" (the return of Christ), 1 Peter 1:5.

"you greatly rejoice," – in Verse 8, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 1 Peter 4:13; "a jubilant and thankful exultation, to leap with joy;" implies an outward expression of this joy. This word is an exclusive religious word which was not used in Greek secular writings; used to express both corporate and individual attitudes of joy towards God! Matthew 5:12

"even though" – this indicates that the joy is unconditional.

6 Truths About Trials:

- 1. Trials Are For A Short Time:** "now for a little while," – "they are for a season" or "little, small, few," 2 Corinthians 4:17; Psalm 30:5.
- 2. Trials Fulfill A Need:** "if necessary," – indicates that there are special times when God knows that we need to go through trials.

Sometimes Trials Are Used To Discipline Us When We Have Disobeyed God's Will – Psalm 119:67.

Trials Prepare Us For Spiritual Growth, Or Even Help To Prevent Us From Sinning – 2 Corinthians 12:1-9.

Trials Force Us To See Our Helplessness, Making Us Dependent Upon God – 2 Corinthians 12:9.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

3. Trials Are Distressing: “you have been distressed” – The word means, “to experience grief or pain, sorrow.” Trials produce “heaviness.”

4. Trials Come In Various Forms: “by various trials,” – which literally means, “variegated, many-colored;” we get our word “Polka dot,” 1 Peter 4:10.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Literally, “You are in grief and sorrow because of the many-colored testings confronting you.”

James 1:2 – “Consider” (count) – This word is an accounting term. It means “to evaluate;” it is an honest assessment of the figure. It is looking at the hardship from a heavenly or spiritual perspective.

Our values determine our evaluation:

1. If I am living for comfort, my trials will upset me.
2. If I am living for character, then I can see value in my trials.

1 Peter 1:6

1. Trials are the common experience of all of people.
2. Trials are transitory, 1 Peter 1:6.
3. Trials are lessons that shouldn’t be wasted.

1 Peter 1:7

5. Trials Prove Your Faith: “so that the proof of your faith,” – the word “proof” or trial – means “proving, testing, genuineness;” a Greek word that literally means “to put someone to the test with the expectation of showing that he is worthy of being approved” or “your genuine faith, your faith when proved to be genuine.”

The purpose of testings are two things: Proving and Purifying.

“so that the proof of your faith,” – “sterling quality of faith.”

Fire does not destroy gold, it purifies it, removing the impurities, Job 23:10; Psalm 66:10.

“being more precious than gold which is perishable,” – Priceless, temporal.

6. Trials Purify Your Faith: “even though tested by fire,”

“may be found to result in praise” – approval of the Righteous Judge.

“and glory” – He will share His divine spender and majesty.

“and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;” – rank or position of privilege.

1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

Matthew 25:21; Romans 8:16-18

2. Verses 8-9 – Enjoying The Future Glory:

1 Peter 1:8

4 Ways To Enjoy The Future Now:

1. Loving Jesus: “and though you have not seen Him, you love Him,” John 12:37.

Paul said it this way, 2 Corinthians 5:16.

We have an advantage over 1st century Christians. We have both the OT and the NT, John 20:29.

Our love for God is based on our spiritual relationship with Him and what the Word has taught us about Him, 1 John 4:19.

Romans 5:5

2. Trusting Jesus: “and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him,”

Love and Faith go together: when you love someone, you trust them. And faith and love together help to strengthen hope; for where you find faith and love, you will find confidence for the future.

Romans 10:17

Faith means surrendering all to God and obeying His Word in spite of circumstances and consequences.

- 3. Rejoicing In Jesus:** “you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,” – same as 1 Peter 1:6 – “In this you greatly rejoice,” – speaks of “a deep emotion, a spiritual joy that is deep and personal.”

Paul learned the sufficiency of His grace, 2 Corinthians 12.
Joshua – Jesus as Captain, Joshua 5:13-15.

“with joy inexpressible” – Only time in the NT this word is used – the joy God produces is a joy so deep and so wonderful, there are no adequate words to describe it; that no human words can exhaust it. Words fail us!

“and full of glory,” – Peter: Mount of Transfiguration,
Luke 9:28-36.

1 Peter 1:9

- 4. Receiving From Jesus:** “obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.” – “For you are receiving the consummation of your faith, that is, the final salvation of your souls.” Salvation is the goal.

Application:

1. It Is Consoling To Know That God’s People Are Never Needlessly Afflicted.
2. The Purpose Of Testings Are For Proving And Purifying. Too Many Professing Christians Have A “False Faith” And This Will Be Revealed In The Trials Of Life.
3. 1 Peter 1:6 – “if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,” – Trials Are Varied, And God Matches The Trial To Our Strengths And Needs.
4. Peter urged his readers to exercise love, faith, and rejoicing, so that they might experience some of the glory of heaven in the midst of suffering now.