

Why do believers go through trials and temptation?

1 Peter 1:6-9 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. (NKJ)

1) This is a fact—life is full of trials and temptations.

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been [a]grieved by various trials, (NKJ)

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— (NKJ)

2) Know the purpose for trials and temptations.

1 Peter 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (NKJ)

1. The believer's faith must be tried.

Psalms 66:10 For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. (NKJ)

2. The believer's faith is tried in order to show forth the praise, honor, and glory of Jesus Christ and of the believer.

3) Know how to conquer trials and temptations.

1 Peter 1:8-9 You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. 9 The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. (NLT)

1. Trials and temptations are to be conquered by our love for Jesus Christ.

John 14:15-16 “If you love Me, [a]keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [b]Helper, that He may abide with you forever— (NKJ)

2. Trials and temptations are to be conquered by our belief in Jesus Christ.

John 6:28-29 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (NKJ)

3. Trials and temptations are to be conquered by rejoicing and by the unspeakable joy that fills our hearts.

John 15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (NKJ)

4. Trials and temptations are to be conquered by keeping our eyes focused upon the salvation of our souls.

Matthew 10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. (NKJ)