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## LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 3

### TESTED BY FIRE

*The Place and Purpose of Trials*

(1 Peter 1:6-9)

#### INTRODUCTION:

#### THE LARGER CONTEXT:

##### 1. Our Shared Status: (v. 1-2)

*"To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion..." (ESV)*

- We are, at one and the same time, the most disconnected (exiles) and the most connected (elect) people on earth.

##### 2. Our Future Hope: (v. 3-5)

*"...to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven..."*

- The Inheritance and the Inheritor are both secure. And this eschatological hope which is grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is more than sufficient reason to rejoice!

##### 3. Our Current Trials: (v. 6-9)

*"...though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials..."*

#### THE PRESENT REALITY & THE FUTURE GLORY:

*"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now..." (v. 6a)*

**1A. TRIALS AND SUFFERING ARE \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 6b)**

*"...for a little while..."*

2A. TRIALS AND SUFFERING ARE \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 6c)

“...if necessary...”

3A. TRIALS AND SUFFERING ARE \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 6d)

“...you have been **distressed** by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though **tested by fire**,...”

4A. TRIALS AND SUFFERING ARE \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 7-8a)

1B. \_\_\_\_\_ :

“...so that **the proof of your faith**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire...”

1C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Faith:

2C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Faith:

2B. \_\_\_\_\_ :

“...**may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**, and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him,...”

1C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Faith:

2C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Faith:

**CONCLUSION:**

“...you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. (v. 8b-9)