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I Peter 1:6-9

⁶You rejoice in this,^[a] even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

I. We should have joy because of our salvation

Joy is talked about a lot in scripture for believers

Joy is to be experienced by believers

Jesus is the source of our joy

Joy is to be a motivator during hard times

Joy is not something short lived or dictated by circumstances

Real joy results "from a deep-rooted confidence that one possesses eternal life from the living God through the crucified and risen Christ" John MacArthur

II. Our salvation creates a lasting "happiness".

"You rejoice in this"

This happiness is created by

The resurrection

I Cor 15:51-57

The Holy Spirit

Gal 5:22-23

The security of our salvation

Heb 10:32-36

III. We will be tested because of our salvation

“even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire”

Trouble does not last forever

“even though now for a short time”

Troubles serve a purpose

“if necessary you suffer grief in various trials”

Remember a few purposes....

God may be directing us to talk to Him more

Jonah 2:2 In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

God may be directing us seek out real answers

Psa 27:8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, LORD, I will seek

God may be directing us to a new level of maturity

James 2:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, ^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks

wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

God may be directing us to a gospel opportunity

Phil1:12-14 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^[a] that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard^[b] and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear

Trouble will help validate your faith

“so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire”

Trouble will result in rewards because of our salvation

“may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

IV. Our salvation means we are in a personal relationship with Christ

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

IV. Our salvation should prompt us to joy

“you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Close...

“I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.”

John 15:11

