

# Praising God for our Great Salvation

Part two, 1st Peter 1:6-12

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## Joy in the Anticipation of Glory

(1 Peter 1:6-7)

- We can be joyful despite trials because...
  - They are temporary and purposeful
  - They are working to refine our faith

## Joy in the Anticipation of Jesus

(1 Peter 1:8-9)

- We find joy in Jesus now through the indwelling Spirit
- Our joy will be complete when we see Him face-to-face

*“It doesn’t matter if we look forward, arounds us, or backward. We can find reasons for rejoicing wherever we look – past, present, or future – even as we endure hardship.” - Dr. Thomas Constable*

## Joy in the Unfolding of God’s Plan

(1 Peter 1:10-12)

- A settled joy as we understand our place in the Biblical story
- Suffering before glory is normal
- We are privileged to know much more than those who came before us

# For Life Group Discussion

1st Peter 1:6-12

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1. Can you think of a “finding the source” story? Why do you think this is such an obsession for so many? (Read the story of John Hanning Speke for one example)
2. Compare James 1:2-4 with 1 Peter 1:6-7. In what way are these statements similar? Are there any differences?
3. Why would both Peter & James exhort us regarding the experience of “trials”? What are the particular challenges that come with hardship, and how can those experiences affect our faith?
4. Do you agree that God is in control of all things, even our most difficult and painful experiences? Why or why not?
5. Read 1st Peter 1:8-9. Had you heard of the concept of “already but not yet”? In what sense do we already enjoy Jesus, through His Spirit? How will that enjoyment change when we see Him face-to-face? What do you look forward to most?
6. Read 1st Peter 1:10-12. and consider:
  - How does the pattern of “suffering before glory” impact your understanding of this life and the challenges you encounter?
  - Can we learn from the faithful ones in the past who focused on serving future generations? How could we imitate them?