

I PETER
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I Peter 1:6-9

In this you greatly rejoice,
even though now for a little while,
if necessary,
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,
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,
you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible
and full of glory,
obtaining as the outcome of your faith
the salvation of your souls.

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God's Word teaches us
how to survive
and thrive,
in spite of trials.

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Recognize the nature of your trials!, 6-7

- ✓ “Trials”
- ✓ “Proof” and “tested”

Recognize the “variety” of your “various” trials.

Recognize the “distress” that comes from trials.

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Recognize that trials are temporary, 6

Consider...

- ✓ II Corinthians 4:16-18
- ✓ Hebrews 10:37
- ✓ James 4:14
- ✓ I Peter 5:10.

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Recognize that some trials are necessary, 6

Remember Romans 8:28!!

Consider...

- ✓ Joseph, in Genesis 37, 39-45
- ✓ Psalm 119:67, 71
- ✓ Jesus...suffering to provide our salvation
- ✓ Romans 5:3-5
- ✓ James 1:2-4

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Realize that trials are proving our faith, 7

SO GOD MAY USE TRIALS TO:

- Direct our lives!
- Chasten and correct us!
- Purify us as gold is purified in the fire!
- Prove the quality of our faith!
- Produce endurance, and ultimately, maturity!
- Prepare us for a ministry in the future!
- Prepare us for special rewards when Jesus comes!
- “Wean” us from loving this world too much.

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Rejoice, in spite of your trials

- ✓ In your election by God!
- ✓ In your unshakable, eternal salvation!
- ✓ In the demonstration of your faith
- ✓ In the rewards you are earning!
- ✓ In the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ!

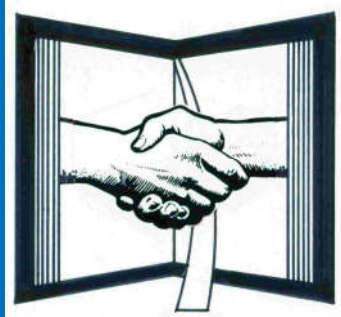
Obviously, this requires a lot of “mind control”!

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Rest in the promises of God

- ✓ Promised salvation completed!
- ✓ Precious faith revealed!
- ✓ Praise received!
- ✓ Jesus revealed to us!

You can rejoice
in the midst of your trials,
if you keep your mind
focused on the Person
and the Promises of Jesus



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