

The Assurance of Trials Brings Joy
Part 1
1 Peter 1:6-9

There is, for a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, a paradox.

Joy of Salvation – testing of our faith

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Romans 1:10, 11 –

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Philippians 1:21-26 –

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; ²⁴yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. ²⁵And convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the

faith, ²⁶so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

Acts 13:50-52 –

But the Jews aroused the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Jude 24 -

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

Hebrews 13:17-18. Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account Let them do this with joy and not ¹⁷with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. ¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

Matthew 5:11-12. “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were

1 Thessalonians 1:6 – Macedonian persecuted church

You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Acts 16:34

And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

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