

Good News of Great Joy
1 Peter 1:3-9
Part 8
Blessed Assurance: *Proven by Fire*
1 Peter 1:6-9

Introduction:

“What do you want?” - Jesus of Nazareth

According to Peter, Invincible, Christian Joy arises when we:

I. Are Satisfied with Nothing Less than the Highest Treasure. vv. 3-6a

Parable of the Treasure in the Field

II. Understand the Intended Outcome of Painful Trials. vv. 6-7

This Passage offers the Key to Unlock the many Counterintuitive NT passages on Suffering & Joy.

A. Trials Are.

B. Trials are Miserable.

C. Trials are Necessary.

C. Trials are necessary for our Benefit.

D. Trials are a Priceless Gifts,
because they reveal our relationship to the Highest Treasure.

III. Remember the Unrivaled Object of Our Loving Trust. vv. 8-9

The Quality of our Joy is defined by the Source of our Joy.

“Inexpressible” -

“Full of Glory” -

Conclusion:

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3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for
you,
5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by
various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is
tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom
having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your
faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and
complete, lacking nothing.

Matthew 6:22-23

22 Blessed are you when men hate you,
And when they exclude you,
And revile you, and cast out your name as evil,
For the Son of Man's sake.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!
For indeed your reward is great in heaven

Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[a] peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice
in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that
tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope
does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit
who was given to us.