



## More Precious than Gold

1 Peter 1:6-12  
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- **THE BIG IDEA:** The Christian life is an **adventure** and not a **quest**. In this life there will be trouble but Jesus Christ has overcome the world. The temporary troubles that we go through now only makes the Christian better and the Jesus that we cannot see now will more than make up for what we endure on His behalf here on earth.

### 1 Peter 1:6-12 (NASB95)

**1** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, **7** 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;**8** 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, **9** obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls. **10** As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, **11** seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. **12** It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

### Temporary Trials

- + One of the greatest proofs that we live in a fallen world is that every one of us experiences **grief** and suffering.
- + If you want to be able to endure trials, you need to know **theology**!
- + In the Christian life, grief and glory are **bound** together.
- + The Christian is the only person in the world that can go through suffering and still rejoice.
- + The trials we go through now isn't to remove faith; it is to **purify** it.
- + Every trial has a **purpose**.

- + The Christian life is never "there and back again." It is impossible for the Christian to look the way they started when they first came to faith.
- + The Christian never goes through anything that God Himself wasn't willing to **endure**.
- + "For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing."- 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

### So Great a Salvation and an Eye Towards Home

- Don't **neglect** the salvation that is offered to you.
- "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."- Hebrews 4:16
- The darkness of the world doesn't detract from the beauty of the Gospel; it enhances and magnifies what is already there.
- The theme of 1 Peter: **Suffer** now; **glory** later.
- **Embrace** the fact that God chose you to be the Christian that is enduring through these times.
- 2,000 years of Church history testifies to the fact that it is possible to rejoice in the sorrows.

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"God sends trials to strengthen our trust in him so that our faith will not fail. Our trials keep us trusting; they burn away our self-confidence and drive us to our Savior. The fires of affliction or persecution will not reduce our faith to ashes. Fire does not destroy gold: it only removes combustible impurities."

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