



Endless Inheritance: Refined by Fire
1 Peter 1:6-9

1 Peter 1:6-9 (NIV)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

I. Trials are an inescapable part of life.

V 6 – now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

James 1:2-3 (NIV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

- Unavoidable

John 16:33 (HCSB)

I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

- Unpredictable
- Unfortunate

II. Trials reveal the purity of our faith.

Verse 7 – "These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine."

2 Chronicles 32:31 (NIV)

"God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart."

III. Trials help us re-focus our priorities.

Verse 7 – 8 "...and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him."

II Corinthians 12:7-9 (HCSB)

Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

IV. Trials help us discover true and lasting joy.

Verse 8-9 – "...you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."