

## **FUTURE HOPE AND PRESENT JOY**

(1 Peter 1:6-7)

**A. The author ADDRESSES His Dispersed Audience (v. 1)**

**B. The author ENCOURAGES His Dispersed Audience (v. 2)**

**C. We Can THANK GOD For Our NEW BIRTH In Christ (v. 3-5)**

**D. Our TRIALS TODAY Need Never Take Away Our JOY ABOUT TOMORROW. (v. 6-8a)**

1. We can rejoice in the guaranteed \_\_\_\_\_ given to every believer  
– “*in this*” (v. 6a).

\* What kind of “joy” is described here?

\* What does Peter mean by the phrase “in this”?

2. We can rejoice despite \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 6b-7a)

\* What can we learn from this passage about trials?

a. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “*for a little while*” (v. 6b).

b. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “*if need be*” (v. 6c).

c. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “*you have been grieved*” (v. 6d).

d. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “*by various trials*” (v. 6e).

- e. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “[in order] that” (v. 7a).
3. We can rejoice because Jesus Christ highly values the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (v. 7b)
- a. Trials are \_\_\_\_\_ – “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more  
*precious than gold . . .*” (v. 7b).

\* What does “the genuineness of your faith” mean?

\* How is our faith refined?

\* Why does our faith need to be refined?

\* How should we respond to trials in our lives?

4. We can rejoice because our refined faith will result in \_\_\_\_\_ at Christ’s  
return – “*praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ*” (v. 7c).

\* How does this apply to you . . .

. . . as a believer experiencing trials?

. . . as a believer *not* presently experiencing trials?

. . . if you do *not* know Christ as your Savior?