

THE REALITY OF TRIALS AND SUFFERING IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

(1 Peter 1:3-7)

I. THE DIVINE PERSPECTIVE REGARDING TRIALS

A. The Reality of Trials (1 Peter 1:3-7)

1. Trials are for _____ . (1:3-6a)

* Don't the unsaved have hardships too?

2. Trials need not hinder a believer's _____ in the Lord when he/she views them in light of their _____ in Christ. (1:6a)

* How is joy distinct from happiness?

3. Trials are only _____ even though they can seemingly go on for years. (1:6b)

* How could this be true if you had a terminal disease?

4. Trials are _____ and even _____. (1:6c)

* Why would the carnal believer argue this point?

5. Trials usually cause _____ in your life. (1:6d)

* How do the unsaved cope with this?

6. Trials are of many _____. (1:6e)

* What does the word “*various*” mean?

7. Trials are actually designed to _____ your _____. (1:7a)

8. Trials when _____ to correctly, will result in _____, _____, and _____ at the appearing of Jesus Christ. (1:7b)

9. Trials should not _____ any one of us. (4:12)

10. Trials are not a sign of God’s _____. (4:12-16)

* How can you apply this truth in your own life?