



“Winds that Blow Against Our Joy”

1 Peter 1:6-9
PART 3

INTRODUCTION

- the paradoxes of the Christian life

- though afflicted, God’s call to *greatly rejoice*

1 Pet. 1:6, 8; Lk. 2:47; 10:21; Jn. 8:56; Rev. 19:7
Mt. 5:11-12; 1 Pet. 4:12-13

“Joy is not the absence of suffering, but the presence of God.”
– Elizabeth Elliot

- surface currents *v.* deep-water currents

Jn. 10:27-28; Phil. 1:6

WIND #1: the presence of physical pain (1:6-7)

- the work of a metallurgist: “proof” / “tested” / “genuineness”

- God as our spiritual metallurgist

Deut. 8:2; Is. 1:25; Mal. 3:2-3; Ps. 119:67, 71; Heb. 12:11

+ divinely prescribed affliction is _____ (1:6)

2 Cor. 4:17

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- the result of God’s working through affliction (1:7b)

Rom. 2:6-7, 10, 29

WIND #2: the absence of physical perception (1:8-9)

- the popular maxim: ‘seeing is believing’

Jn. 20:27-29

- the paradox of faith

CONCLUSION

“The refiner is never very far from the mouth of the furnace when
his gold is in the fire.”

– Charles Spurgeon