

"The Purpose of Trials"

(1 Peter 1:6-9)

Big Idea: As a believer in Christ, you are to understand God's purpose in trials and recognize that whatever suffering is incurred in them is worth it because of the coming glory.

I. You are to Praise God the Father for His matchless salvation

II. You are to Greatly Rejoice for this matchless salvation – even in the face of severe trials

* What does "this" refer to?

* Greatly Rejoice

* Some Truths about Trials...

1. Trials are to be _____

2. Trials are _____

* for a little while

3. Trials are _____

* grieved

4. Trials are _____

* if need be

5. Sorrow in trials is _____

6. Trials are _____

* various

III. You are to Understand God's Purpose in trials

* That –

God allows trials so that our faith might be tested or refined, like gold, to remove the dross so that at the coming of Christ there will be praise, honor, and glory.

1. Your _____ is being tested

* trial

* genuineness

2. God tests your faith to:

* Relative to the end result, He wants you to be _____

* Relative to the process,...

1. The testing of your faith _____ where your faith is at

2. God _____ your faith for the purposes of _____

* Peter here is _____ the refining of your faith with the refining of gold

* Peter here is also _____ the refining of your faith with the refining of gold

* The refining of your faith is more _____ than gold.

* The refining of your faith has _____ ; gold perishes.

3. God will _____ your tested faith

* God will reward you in _____

* God will reward you in _____

The result of your approved faith will be "praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

* What does this mean to you?