

Living in Resurrection Reality!

1 Peter 1:3-9
April 30, 2023

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1:3-9; NKJ)

1. Living in Resurrection reality transforms

_____ into _____! (vv 6-7)

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials..." (James 1:2; NKJ)

"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations..." (Romans 5:3; NKJ)

"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11-12; NKJ)

A. Rejoice that your trials are _____ !

"though now for a little while".

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18; NKJ)

B. Rejoice regardless of the _____ of your trial.

"...you have been grieved by various trials..."

"... as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; NKJ)

"... looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." (Hebrews 12:2; NKJ)

C. Rejoice regardless of the _____ of your trial.

"...you have been grieved by various trials..."

D. Rejoice that your trials have a _____ !

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (vv 6-7)

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." (Genesis 50:20; NKJ)

E. Rejoice that your trials are accruing _____ to _____ and for _____ !

"...may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (v7)

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2; NKJ)