

LIVING.HOPE.

Part 2: Hope Tested

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:6-12

1. Our present trials are PREPARING us for a FUTURE GLORY. v.6-7
2. Our present trials are PRODUCING in us a DEEPER FAITH. v.8-9

2 Signs of Faith:

- LOVING Christ UNCONDITIONALLY

- TRUSTING Christ COMPLETELY

3. Our present trials are REMINDING us of our PRIVILEGED SALVATION. v.10-12

- Our salvation was STUDIED CAREFULLY by the prophets

- Our salvation was PROCLAIMED BOLDLY by the apostles

- Our salvation is being WATCHED INTENTLY by the angels