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REFINEMENT AND REJOICING

1 PETER 1:6-12

Passage in a Sentence: No matter how grieving the trials we face may be, we can rejoice because God uses each trial to refine our faith and to prepare us to obtain our future salvation.

I. WE REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO STARTED, SUSTAINS, AND SECURES OUR SALVATION. (1:6a)

- a. Sanchez: Our salvation should move us to praise God (v. 3) and to feel great joy.
- b. God began our salvation in eternity past.
- c. God brings us into and sustains us in this salvation presently.
- d. God will guard us until He completes this salvation in us.
- e. The Father appointed our salvation.
- f. The Spirit applied our salvation.
- g. The Son accomplished our salvation.

II. WE REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO USES ALL THINGS, INCLUDING GRIEVING TRIALS, FOR THE GOOD OF OUR FAITH AND HIS GLORY. (1:6b-7)

- a. We need to have a biblical perspective on our trials.
 - i. Trials come in various forms.
 - ii. Trials can be grieving.
 - iii. Trials are only for a little while.
 - iv. Trials are necessary.
- b. We need to understand God's purpose for our trials.
 - i. God uses trials to purify our faith.
 - ii. God uses trials to prove our faith.
 - iii. God uses trials to make our faith more precious than anything else in creation.
 - iv. After the trials, our faith will result in praise and glory and honor.

III. WE REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO THROUGH FAITH GRANTS US THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR AND THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN. (1:8)

- a. Genuine faith is evidenced now by:
 - i. Our loving Christ.
 - ii. Our believing Christ.
 - iii. Our rejoicing in Christ with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.
 - iv. And all without physically seeing Christ.

IV. WE REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN US AND WHO WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION. (1:9)

V. WE REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO ANNOUNCE THE SALVATION HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED. (1:10-12)

- a. We have a salvation that was prophesied.
- b. We have a salvation that is to be preached.
- c. We have a salvation that should fuel praise.