

Real Faith, Part 1

I Peter 1:6-7

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Real faith is imperishable, especially in times of trial and trouble, because it is of God. Real faith produces joy, in the midst of suffering.

1. A. I Peter 1:6 begins, "In this". As a review, answer the question, in what?
I Peter 1:3-9

- B. Faith and hope are two sides of the same coin. Explain this statement from the following texts-
Romans 5:1-2, Colossians 1:19-23, I Peter 1:3-5, 20-21

- C. Are faith and hope combined in our lives? Do we see our past, present, and future from God's perspective?
Romans 8:31-39

2. A. Read I Peter 1:6-7. Now read it again, thinking of the author's life and events in his life.
Matthew 26:70-74, Luke 22:31-34, 59-62

- B. Life is not easy and real faith is tested, but real faith is imperishable and it does produce joy, especially in the times of trouble. Why are these things true? Does our culture support these truths?
Psalm 115:1, II Timothy 3:1-5, I Peter 1:3

- C. How many times have you heard, possibly from your own lips, that life has never been better and never been worse at the same time? Now look at the book-ends of our text and rejoice!
James 1:2-4, I Peter 1:6-9

3. A. Suffering is real, temporary, and purposeful. Observe this from the following texts-
Job 1:1-3, 13-19, I Peter 1:6-7, 5:10
- B. How does God redeem us?
Isaiah 53:3, John 11:25-26, Ephesians 1:7, I Peter 1:2, 11, 4:1, 5:1
- C. How does suffering and “various trials” play out in our lives?
Job 1:20-22, 2:7-10, Romans 8:18-22, 12:1, II Corinthians 4:16-18, Hebrews 13:15-16, I Peter 1:7