



"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation" (Part 6)

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1 Peter 1:6-7



3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance [that is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading which is kept in heaven for you **5** who are being guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** in order that the testing of your faith, being more

precious than fine gold which is perishable, being purified through fire, might pass the test and be found [true] to the praise and glory and honor of Jesus Christ at his coming. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

– 1 Peter 1:3-9, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

Three Criteria for Evaluating Popular Preachers

- 1) How often is Jesus mentioned in the sermon?
- 2) Is Jesus the subject of the verbs? Is Jesus the one who acts, or are you?
- 3) What are the verbs? What has Jesus done and what is He doing? [Todd Wilken, of the radio program *Issues, Etc*]

I. The Elements of the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation (3-9)

- A. It was Prompted by God's Great Mercy (3a)
- B. It is Accomplished Through Our New Birth (3b)
- C. It is Preserved by God's Power (5a)
- D. It will be Evidenced by Persevering Faith (6-9)

1. A Persevering Faith That:

- a. Results in Joy (6a)

"The kingdom of suffering is a democracy, and we all stand in it or alongside it with nothing but our naked humanity." --Philip Yancey

b. Stands the Test of Trials (6b-7)

(1) Five Principles Related to Trials

(a) Suffering is Unavoidable (Principle of **N**_____)

(b) Suffering Doesn't Last Forever (Principle of **T**_____)

(c) Suffering is Many-Faceted (Principle of **C**_____)

(d) Suffering Can't Preclude Rejoicing (Principle of **J**_____)

(e) Suffering Has a Purpose (Principle of **B**_____) –Verse 7

i. What is this "testing" (dokimion | δοκιμιον) about?

* hina or purpose clause . . .

ii. James 2:14-23

iii. Analogy of "Gold," "Fire," "Testing," and "Faith"

iv. "To the Praise and glory and honor of Jesus Christ at his coming"

Conclusion