

Prayer Concerns:

The Light of Joy

1 Peter 1:3-9 [Page 1886]

A. Rejoice in the person and presence of God. [3a]

“Joy is a _____ to the _____.” [Mike Mason]

B. Rejoice in the new birth into a living hope. [3b-5]

In Christ, we receive a new...

1. _____ and _____
2. _____ and _____
3. _____ and _____
4. _____ and _____

C. Rejoice in times of trouble. [6-7]

“Christian suffering is the purifying fire through which our faith is tested, tried, and proven to be genuine. Precious metals, like gold, are put through the fire in order to remove impurities.”

[Juan R. Sanchez]

“Happiness is the way _____ handles
_____ in this world.” [Mike Mason]

D. Rejoice in God’s salvation. [8-9]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the greatest), how would you rate your current state of joyfulness?

Digging Deeper:

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

1. The phrase “praise be” or “blessed be” literally means “to speak a good word about.” When someone gives a eulogy at a memorial service, they speak good words about the deceased. What good words would you choose to speak about God?
2. What does Peter mean by the “new birth” God, in His mercy, provides?
3. Reread verses 4-5. What are God’s plans for a Christian’s future?

4. What perspective does Peter give suffering in verses 6-7? How can we experience joy amid troubles and trials?

5. What is the source of a Christian’s “inexpressible and glorious joy” [8-9]?

Taking it Home:

1. Are you experiencing the “inexpressible and glorious joy” of the Lord? If not, how would the Lord have you grow in your sense of joy?