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**Verse 6-** *In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,*

*In this you greatly rejoice-* Peter changes his focus from our future in heaven to our trials while here on earth. The main theme of verses 3-5 is that believers should praise God for the certainty of their future salvation in heaven. Now Peter emphasizes that trials will come, but from an eternal perspective, for just a little while.

The New Testament sees sufferings as the road believers must travel to enter into God's kingdom (cf. Acts 14:22; Rom 5:3-5; Jas 1:2-4).

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**Verse 7-** *so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

*proof of your faith-* Peter answers a natural question based on the previous verse: "Why do believers need to endure suffering?" The answer is to see if our faith is real.

*though tested by fire-* Fire (1900° Fahrenheit) in a crucible draws impurities out of precious metals just as trials test our faith which is more precious than gold.

*In the 'School of Faith,' we must have occasional tests, or we will never know where we are spiritually. A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted. (Warren Wiersbe)*



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*proof-* (dokimion)- *proving, testing, genuineness*

*praise, glory, and honor-* The faith early believers met with scoffing, rejection, persecution, and death.

Some of God's purposes will not be known when believers die and go to be with the Lord. Some will only be discovered when Christ is revealed to everyone at the Second Coming.

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**Verse 8-** *and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,*

*though you have not seen Him-* Seeing is not based on believing.

John 20:29- *Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."*

*joy inexpressible-* aneklalētō a- not + eklaleō- to tell  
Our joy should be higher than speech.



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**Verse 9-** *obtaining as the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

*obtaining as the outcome of your faith-* The present participle “obtaining” implies that we realize the blessings of salvation gradually while being saved (sanctification). Our inheritance includes present and future blessings, and the lives of those who have been walking with the Lord for a long time usually reflect these blessings.

*salvation of your souls-* The outcome (*telos- purpose teleology-* an argument for the existence of God) of their faith is their eternal salvation.

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**Verse 10-** *As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,*

*the prophets who prophesied-* From Moses to Malachi. Our faith is not based on the words of men but the Word of God.

*grace that would come-* the future salvation that the Messiah would bring

*careful searches and inquiries-* They did not know the time and circumstances of the Messiah’s appearance.



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