

“Bad Things & Good People”
(#2 in the “Practical Preaching From The Pen Of Peter” series)

I Peter 1:1-5

- I. The proclamation: There is _____ in trials. (I Peter 1:6)
- a. The reference to the previous (vs. 6a)
 - b. The _____ of the present (vs. 6b)
 - i. The hope of their future inheritance should enable them to rejoice *even in the midst of their present* _____!
 - ii. The sovereignty of God even in suffering.
 - i. The _____ of suffering: In the grand scheme of things, suffering is only _____.
 - ii. The _____ of suffering: There are times when God allows/ordains it because He sees it as a specific _____ in the lives of His children!
- II. The perspective: There is _____ in trials. (I Peter 1:7)
- a. The _____: When God sees suffering as a specific necessity in our lives, then we can be confident that He does so because He knows that it’s for our _____. (Romans 8:28 – “***And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.***”) Some possible purposes of suffering that are for our good:
 - i. _____ for sin (Psalm 119:67 – “***Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.***”)
 - ii. _____ from sin (II Corinthians 12:7 – “***And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.***”)
 - b. The _____: Some purposes for their suffering that would be for their good.
 - i. _____ (vs. 7a): The genuineness of their _____ needed to be put to the

test. (Job 23:10 – “***But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.***”)

- i. Even genuine, pure gold will not last forever. However, genuine, pure faith (*i.e. saving faith*) will endure to the end- it’s eternally _____! Thus, the proving of our faith is much more precious to God than even the refining of gold!
 - ii. _____ (vs. 7b): When they stand before God, the genuineness of their faith will have been tried until the _____ and _____ of Christ is fully revealed in them! (Romans 8:17b-18 – “***...if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.***”¹⁸ ***For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.***”)
- III. The promise: There is _____ in trials. (I Peter 1:8-9)
- a. A proven _____ (vs. 8a): Their faith had been shown through their trials to be genuine, _____ faith.
(Hebrews 11:1 – “***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***”)
 - i. Interesting note: God already knows whether or not our faith is genuine. The testing/proving of our faith is purely for _____ benefit!
 - b. A peculiar _____ (vs. 8b): Being a child of God should- and *will*- bring us such great joy- even in the midst of suffering- that we can’t explain it other than to attribute it to _____. (II Corinthians 12:9b-10 – “***...Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.***”¹⁰ ***Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.***”)
 - c. A present _____ (vs. 9): When we who have trusted Christ as Lord and Savior (*i.e. past*) see God working in us through the trial of our faith (*present*), then we are assured of the ultimate _____ of our salvation. (*i.e. future*)