



# Keeping the faith

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**1 PETER 1:6-9 NKJV** – (6) In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, (7) that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (8) whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, (9) receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

Our scripture reading reminds us that our salvation will be revealed "in the last time." This gives us reason for great rejoicing, even though various trials may grieve us. Those trials are necessary, Peter tells us that the genuineness of our faith—the tried and proven character of our faith—may be found when Jesus Christ is unveiled to the entire world. Then he points out the contrast that, at this time, we do not see Him with our eyes because He is still veiled, hidden from the world. His revelation has not yet occurred. Even though we cannot see Him now, we still love Him and can still rejoice because we know that the Father *will* soon send Him back to this earth. Then, every eye will see Him (**REVELATION 1:7**).

As a Christian, we profess faith in Jesus Christ, but what does that mean in our daily life? Do our problems melt away? Not by a long shot! In fact, many of us today find ourselves in the midst of personal storms which have overwhelmed us. We have asked God to save us from our struggles, but it seems we are still sinking deeper.

Please, take heart. Know that you are not alone, as most of us have experienced similar trials. Understand that when God is testing us, He does so with a plan to prosper us and see us through to the other side. What we need is a better understanding of our own faith and how we can maximize that faith to weather the storm better. Through God's word, I will show you exactly what is said about our faith and how it can calm any storm. God wants to be the hero of your story, and He wants us to taste the victory that comes from a faith-filled life.

My prayer is that you will become a giant in the faith, confident that your problems are no match for an all-powerful God on your side.

**SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 5:3-4**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Grace is God supplying you with what you need until He changes where you are.