

Intro: When one walks with the Lord, there is an assurance or confidence in the truths of His Word
IV. Salvation Joy

A. Confidence in a Protected Inheritance - vs 6a

1. In this

- a. refers back to the previous passage vs 3-5
- b. the first great doctrine that brings Joy
- c. God has reserved and securely protected an eternal inheritance in heaven for every believer

2. you greatly rejoice,

- a. **agalliao** - to jump for joy, exult:--be (exceeding) glad, with exceeding joy, rejoice (greatly).
 - i. intense expressive verb
 - ii. Means supremely and abundantly happy
 - iii. Always refers to spiritual joy usually has reference to a relationship with God, not temporal - Heb 10:32-36
 - iv. Present tense meaning continual joy
- b. ordinary word for rejoice - **cairo** - Mt 5:12

B. Confidence in a Proven Faith - vs 6b-7a

1. though now for a little while,

- a. trials are temporary - Ps 30:5; Isa 54:7-8; Ro 8:18
- b. lit "for a season" - 2 Co 4:17

2. if need be,

- a. when they serve the purpose of God in a believer's life - Ac 14:22; 1Th 3:3
- b. God uses troubles to
 - i. develop humility - 2 Co 12:7-10
 - ii. wean us from worldly things toward heavenly things - Jo 16:33; Job 19:25f
 - iii. value God's blessing as opposed to life's pain - 4:13; Ro 8:17-18
 - iv. enable to minister to others - 1 Co 1:3-7; Heb 13:3
 - v. chasten them for our sins - 1 Co 11:30; Job 5:17; Lk 15:16-18; Heb 12:5-12
 - vi. To strengthen character - Ro 5:3; 2 Th 1:4-6; Jas 1:2-4; 5:11

3. you have been grieved

- a. trials bring pain
- b. Not only physical, but mental anguish such as sorrow, disappointment, and anxiety by design to refine for greater service - Ps 119:67, 71, 75

4. by various trials,

- a. troubles come in many forms - consider their purposes above - 1 Co 10:13
- b. **poikilos** - motley, i.e. various in character:--divers, manifold.

5. the purpose of the trials

- a. that the genuineness of your faith,
 - i. genuineness - **dokimion** - a testing; trustworthiness:--trial, trying.
 - ii. The purifying of metals, removing the impurities to show the real value of the metal - Chinese steel
 - iii. Abraham - Gen 22:12 - for now I know
- b. being much more precious than gold that perishes,
 - i. uses Gold - most precious of metals in the 1st century
 - ii. The basis for most economies of OT
 - iii. Gold may perish, real faith doesn't

- c. though it is tested by fire,
 - i. just as fire separates the dross from the Gold ore
 - ii. Trials separate the believer from worldly and or sinful influences

C. Confidence in a Promised Honor - vs 7b

1. purpose of 7a is so that believer would be as written in 7b
 - a. the focus is not on the believer honoring God, though they will
 - b. it is on God's commendation of them
2. may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
 - a. praise
 - i. receiving praise from God - Ro 2:29 whose praise is not from men but from God.
 - ii. Well done, good and faithful servant; - Mt 25:21-23
 - b. honor
 - i. likely refers to rewards
 - ii. Honor b/c you only earned them b/c of the work of the Spirit in and through you
 - c. glory
 - i. received from God
 - ii. Best represented by the Christlikeness every believer will receive when we see Christ - Joh 17:22; Ro 9:23; 1 Co 15:42-44; 2Co 3:18; Php 3:21; Col 3:4; 2 Th 2:14; 1 Jo 3:2
 - d. at the revelation of Jesus Christ
 - i. **apokalupsis** - disclosure:--appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.
 - ii. 1st part/ second coming of Christ - the Rapture - Jo 14:1-3; 1 Th 4:13-18

D. Confidence in a Personal Fellowship w/ Christ - vs 8

1. whom having not seen you love.
 - a. Peter had seen, they had not - Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." - Jo 20:29
 - b. **agapao** - to love (in a social or moral sense):--(be-)love(-ed).
 - i. a love of the will
 - ii. Present tense—continual
2. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing,
 - a. believing goes hand in hand with love
 - b. faith accepts the written
3. you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
 - a. **aneklaletos** - not spoken out, unutterable:--unspeakable.
 - b. **doxazo** - to render (or esteem) glorious:--(make) glorify(-ious), full of (have) glory, honor, magnify.

E. Confidence in a Present Deliverance - vs 9

1. receiving the end of your faith
 - a. Not the future, but now
 - b. **komizo** - to provide for, to carry off (as if from harm; obtain):--bring, receive.
2. the salvation of your souls.
 - a. The outcome of faith is salvation not future and present
 - b. the continual deliverance from the penalty and power of sin
 - i. from its guilt - Ro 6:18; Eph 1:7; Col 2:13-14
 - ii. From its condemnation - Ro 8:1
 - iii. From its wrath - Ro 5:9; 1 Th 1:10
 - iv. From its ignorance - Ro 10:3; Gal 4:8; 1 Ti 1:13
 - v. from its distress, confusion, hopelessness - 1 Co 15:17; 1 Pe 1:3