

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
APRIL 17, 2022

A LIVING HOPE FOR THE PRESENT
1 PETER 1:6-9

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

Rejoice in your God in the midst of present grievous trials as he purifies your faith in Christ and you receive the goal of faith: salvation.

- I. Rejoice at the Testing of Your Faith in Christ (v.6-7)
- II. Rejoice at the Outcome of Your Faith in Christ (v.8-9)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Why is it so hard to think of grieving and rejoicing at the same time? Why is this unique to Christianity?
2. In what ways have you rejoiced in your suffering? How was this possible?
3. Are there areas where you haven't been able to rejoice in suffering? How can you begin to praise God in the storm?
4. How have you seen God grow you through trials? Take time to renew your thanksgiving to God for this.
5. Covenant children – can you thank God even when you're sad? Do you trust him to use all these things for your good?

FURTHER READING: Matt 25:21; Luke 6:22-23; John 20:29; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Gal 5:22; Heb 12:2; 1 Peter 4:12-13