

SALVATION SALVATION

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In the Study Verse Section, God's Word is printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

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Review

"The Guarantee of Our Salvation"

- 1. PROOF—it is guaranteed by the resurrection of Christ.
- 2. PERMANENCE—It's kept in heaven for us.
- 3. God's POWER assures us we will safely arrive in heaven.
 - A. There will be an upward path.
 - B. There will be an inward peace.
 - C. There will be an outward witness.

"Salvation, once received, is forever and cannot be lost." "If you're born once, you'll die twice; if you're born twice, you'll die once."



1. Here's a _____ about our trials.

"This joy can be ours even in the midst of trials."

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:6, NIV84 - ⁶ In this [i.e. our salvation] you greatly rejoice [that's an active response—a decision you make], though now for a little while [focuses our attention on the brevity of the trial, in light of eternity] you may have had to [a first-class conditional phrase—meaning "trials" are necessary in this life] suffer grief in all kinds [lit., various (almost untranslatable)] of trials [i.e. persecutions.]

James 1:2–4, NASB95 - ² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various* trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

* There's something definite about trials in life—they are coming!

There's something indefinite about trials in life—we don't know when!

2. Here's the from our trials.

"Our trials produce a 'two-fold fruit'."

A. They increase our faith in God.

<u>STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 1:7, NASB95</u> - ⁷ <u>so that the proof of your faith</u>, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

B. They increase our love for God.

STUDY VERSE SECTION – 1 Peter 1:8-9, NASB - 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 [that's an active response—a decision you make] with joy [def. "a settled confidence that leads to an emotion of great happiness and pleasure based on truth, not trials" (Kittles)] inexpressible [we may not be able to express this] and full of glory [to God alone], ⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

Romans 8:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ And we [refers to Christians] <u>know</u> [experience personally] that God <u>causes</u> [lit., harmonizes] <u>all things</u> [every single one] to <u>work</u> [we get our English word "synergy" from this word] together <u>for good</u> [lit., The good] to those who (1) love God, to those who are (2) called according to His [eternal] purpose.

- A. There is always something <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> about the trials of life. "And <u>we</u> know..."
- B. There is always something <u>COMPREHENSIVE</u> about the trials of life. "...that God causes <u>all</u> things...."
- **C. There is always something <u>CONSTRUCTIVE</u>** about the trials of life. "...to work together for <u>the good</u>..."
- D. There is always something <u>CONDITIONAL</u> about the trials of life.

 "...to those who <u>love God</u>,...are <u>called according to His purpose</u>."



Let your trials count!

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE:



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- 1. Promise
- 2. Product