

Wonderful Light ... Through Christ You Can

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Scripture

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT)

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. 1 Peter 2:5 (NLT)

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Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. 1 Peter 1:21 (NLT)

Questions

1. How has this message impacted your perspective on our trials? How does God use our trials to shape and deepen our souls?
2. What is the difference between believing in God and trusting God? What are some tangible ways to demonstrate trust in God?
3. What is God's answer to the emptiness we often experience in life? What's the difference between an empty and full life?
4. How strong is your hunger for the Word of God in your life? How can you increase your hunger for the Word of God?

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