

Treasures, Trials and Testing

1 Peter 1: 1-9



I. Because Their Treasures are Eternal.

(vv. 2-5)

A. They know that nothing takes God by surprise.

B. Christians know that they have been set apart.

V.2, "*in sanctification of the Spirit*" and the
"*sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.*"

C. His resurrection provides us a *living hope.* (V.3)



II. Because Their Troubles are Temporary.

(v.6)

A. Christians have many causes for rejoicing.

B. We are not immune to trouble, but it won't last.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

Paul said: *For when I am weak, then I am strong.* (V.10).

2 Cor. 4:17-18: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,*

¹⁸*while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

C. This was Paul's reason for rejoicing in trouble.

D. Finally God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. (Rev. 21:4)

III. Our Trials are Filled with the Purposes of God. (v. 7-9)

A. All believers live in the circle of God's love.

Rom. 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29, For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

B. Trials test our faith to prove that it's real.



C. Life's problems will seem small when we see Jesus.

1 Cor. 10:13, No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man;

but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able,

but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

