

## Living For Christ In Difficult Times - 1 Peter 1:6-9

**“Oh, And By the Way...!!!”**

*1 Peter 1:6-9 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

### Deal With Suffering By Making Less of It In 1 Way and More of It In 2 Ways

#### 1. And By the Way, What You Suffer Is Insignificant

**You Have to Suffer – vs. 6**

*Phil 1:29*

**You have to compare your suffering to the “In this” vs1-5**

#### 2. And By the Way, What Your Suffering Produces Is Invaluable

**a. it accomplishes proof - vs. 7**

**b. It accomplishes growth**

*James 1:2-4*

**Growth as a believer –**

**Can't God just.....**

**But must he use suffering???? - Hebrews 5:7-9**

#### 3. By the Way, What Your Suffering Reveals Is Inexpressible

**a. Your ability to believe in Jesus Christ.....**

**vs. 8 - 9**

*Romans 10:9*

*1 Corinthians 12:3*

**b. The same Holy Spirit that gives you the ability to believe without seeing....**

**You are receiving NOW.... .**

**And Oh,,,by the way....you will have suffering.....**

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*