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"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation" (Part 8)

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1 Peter 1:7-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance [that is] incorruptible and undefiled and unfading which is kept in heaven for you **5** who are being guarded by the power of God, through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** in order that the testing of your faith, being more precious than fine gold which is perishable, being purified through fire, might pass the test and be found [true] to the praise and glory and honor of Jesus Christ at his coming. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

– 1 Peter 1:3-9, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

I. The Elements of the Sovereign Joy of Our Salvation (3-9)

A. It was Prompted by God's Great Mercy (3a)

B. It is Accomplished Through Our New Birth (3b)

C. It is Preserved by God's Power (5a)

D. It will be Evidenced by Persevering Faith (6-9)

   1. A Persevering Faith That:

  a. Results in Joy (6a)

> *"The Sovereign mercy of God fuels the sovereign joy of our salvation"*

  b. Stands the Test of Trials (6b-7)

(1) What other reasons might there be that cause people to go through difficult times?

    1. Suffering is a Direct Result of Living in a Fallen World

    2. Sometimes Suffering is a Direct Result of Personal Sin and Foolishness

    3. Suffering is Related to God's Hand of Discipline

    4. Sometimes Suffering is a Result of Demonic Attack

c. Loves The Lord (whom we have not seen) (8a)

d. Believes in The Lord (whom we don't see) (8b)

e. Is the Means to Final Salvation (9)

Conclusion