

# GENUINE FAITH

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**Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

The *blessings* of genuine faith are apparent to those who know the promises of God.

## **I. FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WILL GUARD OUR SOULS**

### **A. Faith in Christ brings a living hope.**

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...NIV*

### **B. Faith in Christ secures our inheritance.**

*“And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you...”*

### **C. Faith in Christ activates the shield of God’s power.**

*“Who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”*

## **II. THE TRIALS OF LIFE WILL REFINE OUR FAITH.**

### **A. Trials do not prevent rejoicing.**

*“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”*

### **B. Trials can be used by God for our good and His glory.**

*“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.”*

### **C. Trials cannot prevent us from being filled with joy.**

*“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....”*

**D. Trials cannot separate us from obtaining the ultimate promise.**

“...for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

**Conclusion**

The *blessings* of genuine faith need to be held dearly by those who know the promises of God.