

REASONS TO REJOICE IN TRIALS / 1 Peter 1:7

Reason

Trials strengthen our faith.

Trials help us look forward to the glory we will experience when Christ comes to restore us.

Trials expose a deep vein of patience in us.

Trials help us resist worldly desires.

Trials can bring rewards from Jesus.

Verses

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure." (Romans 5:3)
(See also 1 Peter 4:19)

"In his kindness God called you to his eternal glory by means of Jesus Christ. After you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation." (1 Peter 5:10)

"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." (Galatians 5:22)

"So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you are willing to suffer for Christ, you have decided to stop sinning." (1 Peter 4:1)

"God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12) (See also Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 5:4)

Application

Trials and suffering burn away self-reliance and promote reliance on God.

Trials and suffering teach us not to be so comfortable or dependent upon this life.

Trials and suffering are the only way for us to develop patience.

Trials and suffering help us see the futility of worldly desires so we can devote ourselves to God.

Trials and suffering are slight compared to the eternity of joy that we have been promised.