

Faith + Love = Hope + Joy

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia
and Bithynia,² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his
blood:*

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

*³ 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, ⁴ and into an
inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,⁵ 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. ⁶ In all 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 the proven
genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by
fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

1 Peter 1:1-7 (NIV)

*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
end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and
joy in the Holy Spirit...*

Romans 14:17 (NIV)

A few things about this joy...

- **We don't _____ it. It is _____ produced.**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness,²³ gentleness and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22 (NIV)

- **It seems to be the result of a willful application of _____ and
_____.**

*Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who
have not seen and yet have believed."*

John 20:29 (NIV)

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us
the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

- **This is _____ to us as Christians.**

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

1 Peter 1:10-13 (NIV)