

Precious Trials

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“Genuineness of your faith”

- The Greek word “dokimion” is used only here and James 1:3. The word means a test. *The sense here is the result of the contact of faith with trial, and hence the verification of faith.* The expression is equivalent to your approved faith (Vincent)
- So he is saying that the testing or proving of our faith is precious because it proves that it is genuine.

It wasn't easy for them

- Government (1 Pet. 4:12)
- World (1 Pet. 4:3-5)
- False religion (2 Pet. 2:18-22)
- False brethren (2 Pet. 3:14-17)

Why is the *testing of our faith* precious?

- Helps us to do away with sin (1 Pet. 4:1)
- Share in the suffering of Christ (1 Pet. 4:12-14)
- Glorifies God (1 Pet. 4:14)
- Helps us to love and rejoice in God (1 Pet. 1:8-9)

Our attitude in trials

- ***Glorify God***

- “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.” (1 Pet. 4:16)

Our attitude in trials

- ***Commit ourselves to God in doing good***
 - “For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.” (1 Pet. 4:19)

Our attitude in trials

- ***Follow the example of Jesus***

- For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously... (1 Pet. 2:21-24)