



Encouragement because of Genuine Faith

(1 Peter 1:6-9)



Genuine faith is proven by all kinds of trials

- **Suffer Grief—all kinds of trials**
- **You can still rejoice**
- **It is for a little time**
- **Proven & tested to be genuine**



Genuine faith is greater worth than gold



- **Worth and value of faith**
- **Opposite life of little worth and value—no faith**
- **Compared with earthly values—gold, silver, etc.**
- **Pearl of great price in the parables of Jesus (Matthew 13)**

Genuine faith loves the One it cannot see

- **Connection between faith and love**
- **Faith—intangible believing in the Intangible One!**
- **Have not seen him, do not see him now**
- **Yet, love is present**



Genuine faith looks forward to Jesus' coming

- **Forgets the past, and looks forward**
- **Anticipates Jesus' coming**
- **Is not caught off guard**
- **Hope is expectation & anticipation fulfilled**



Genuine faith is filled with joy

- **Joy—Mounce claims that this was the unique element**
- **Filled the heart, mind, soul and entire being**
- **Inexpressible joy**
- **Glorious joy**



Genuine faith will result in the salvation of our souls

- **Ultimate goal of faith**
- **Salvation from past sins**
- **Salvation presently**
- **Salvation—future in ultimate salvation of our souls**





**How genuine is
our faith?**