

joy
in suffering



what it doesn't mean

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what it does mean



how it happens



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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**



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not stoicism
not masochism



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We can rejoice in suffering
because we know
God is using it
for our good
and his glory



Suffering does not *destroy*
our hope, but actually
enhances it!



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In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,



so that the tested genuineness of
your faith—more precious than gold
that perishes though it is tested
by fire—may be found to result
in praise and glory and honor at the
revelation of Jesus Christ.



Though you have not seen him,
you love him. Though you do not
now see him, you believe in him
and **rejoice with joy that is
inexpressible
and filled with glory**



obtaining the outcome of your faith,
the salvation of your souls.



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When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you...
when you walk through fire
you shall not be burned,
and the flame
shall not consume you.



