

You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. – 1 Peter 1:6-9, CSB

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“You’re always happier and sadder than you would have been before you were born again.”

- Tim Keller

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Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,

- cast off that I might be brought in,
- trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend,
- surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best,
- stripped that I might be clothed,

- wounded that I might be healed,
- athirst that I might drink,
- tormented that I might be comforted,
- made a shame that I might inherit glory,
- entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

My Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from my eyes,

- groaned that I might have endless song,
- endured all pain that I might have unfading health,
- bore a thorned crown that I might have a glory-diadem,
- bowed his head that I might uplift mine,
- experienced reproach that I might receive welcome,
- closed his eyes in death that I might gaze on unclouded brightness,
- expired that I might for ever live.

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5. It will not be disappointed.

“Those who look to him are radiant with joy;
their faces will never be ashamed.”

- Psalm 34:5