

# TAKEAWAY

## How to Live Right Now

### Part Two: 1 Peter 1:3-9



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#### DESIRED OUTCOMES

- To see that we live between 2 'bookends' - the resurrection and the return of Christ.
- To be encouraged that struggles until Jesus' return are normal for His people.

#### SHARE

What are 2 things that you are really looking forward to in 2025?

What kind of supports (or 'bookends') do everyday people base their lives around? (You might want to think about examples that apply to: a teenager, a single adult, a married couple who are expecting a child, busy professional workers, someone who is unemployed, a retired person...)

#### READ

1 Peter 1:3-9

#### DISCUSS

According to 1 Peter 1:3&4 followers of Jesus Christ have two huge 'bookends'. One is in the past and one is in the future. What are these bookends and how do they provide support?

Go back to the first question and think back at the examples you gave. Can you call to mind when any of the ordinary supports or bookends in life fell apart? What happened?

Most people try to avoid suffering at all costs. In this letter, Peter often speaks about 'when you suffer' and doesn't assume that the early Christians will live in comfort or safety. He *isn't* saying that we should invite suffering – but he *is* saying that it is 'normal' for Christians to suffer for their faith. How does this perspective speak to how we face suffering?

In recent years, some prominent Christian leaders have said that suffering is 'something that we shouldn't waste'. Based on this passage – is this something that might help you to grow in maturity as a believer?

Have a look at these three worship moments in the passage and pick out what they are connected to.

- Praise (1 Peter 1:3)
- Greatly rejoice (1 Peter 1:6)
- Filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy (1 Peter 1:8)

In other words: Why is Peter saying they should praise, greatly rejoice or be filled with joy?

Do any of these three worship qualities turn up in your life? (Discuss how often we should expect them to be in our lives and whether this is or isn't a mark of being healthy or mature)

How would you explain why Christians suffer – and why they might be motivated in the midst of it – to someone who was not a Christian?

#### TRY OUT

How are you suffering (in any form) for being a Christian this week? See if you notice anything and feedback. Was your experience different due to reading 1 Peter 1 this week?

#### PRAY