**I Peter 1: 6-8, KJV, *“Wherein* ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:”**

**Shorter and sweeter ……. Really rejoice in your temporary sufferings and in your various kinds of trials! After all, these prove that your faith is sure and true, worth far more than gold. Love Jesus, even though you have not seen Him. Believe in Him, although You have not physically touched Him, and be filled with splendid, spectacular joy!**

**Early pillar of the church, Peter understood that the trials of this Earth were inevitable. The testing of faith would bring “genuineness” worth more than the finest gold! Further, when Jesus comes back and is ultimately revealed to us all, (Can you repeat with me, “I Can’t Wait!”) HE will finally receive the praise, glory and honor that He deserves! Astonishing, amazing, astounding, absolutely fantastic Friday to you, you who suffer trials. (p.s. That would be “thou” and “moi.”),**

**For –“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”**

**And, that is like “happiness on steroids!” C:\Users\Linda\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\BKS8OM9M\MC900339768[1].wmf**

**Greatly rejoice, because of Him,**

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**Dear Father, thank You for Jesus. Thank You for the blessed hope of His soon returning. Take my trials and use them for Your glory. Take my hurts and show me how to rejoice through them. Take my hopes and magnify them into service. Take my weaknesses and mold them into new beginnings. Forgive my “slowness to obey;” forgive my stubbornness; forgive my unbelief. Be with the hungry, helpless, and hurting. And, especially send Your protection for Your people, Israel; keep Jerusalem in peace. Show me my task for today. I love You, and I worship You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**