

A Different Faith

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10.15.17 – New Life Church

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A. Inherited faith.

B. Shallow faith.

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C. Conditional faith.

II. Genuine Faith.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT) *So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.*

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1 Peter 1:8-9 (NLT) *You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.*

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