



I Peter 1:8-9 - The Source of the Believer's Joy

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: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1. Loving Jesus. *Whom having not seen, ye love*

- A. To love Christ without seeing Him requires you to think.**
- B. To love Christ without seeing Him teaches you His Person.**
- C. To love Christ without seeing Him brings you great joy.**

2. Believing Jesus. *in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing*

- A. To believe Christ without seeing Him requires you to think.**
- B. To believe Christ without seeing Him teaches you His character.**
- C. To believe Christ without seeing Him brings you great joy.**

3. Rejoicing in Jesus. *ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory*

- A. The joy of loving and believing Christ without seeing Him is active joy.**
- B. The joy of loving and believing Christ without seeing Him is inexpressible joy.**
- C. The joy of loving and believing Christ without seeing Him is glorious joy.**

4. Receiving Jesus. *Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls*

- A. The ultimate purpose of our faith is God's work of salvation in us.**

Romans 8:29

- B. We receive more of salvation every day as we receive more of Jesus.**

Psalm 119:162

- C. Receiving more of God's salvation produces joy.**

- D. The ultimate receiving of salvation is at Christ's return.**

Christians ought to be willing to make any sacrifice to enjoy the presence of the Spirit.