

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. How is 1 Peter 1:8-9 a description of true Christianity?
2. Why is Christianity first and foremost a matter of the heart and not a matter of external performances?
3. How do love and faith in Christ go together? What does it mean to trust Christ?
4. How can we have joy in Christ even in the midst of difficult circumstances? What does Peter mean when he writes “joy inexpressible and full of glory”?
5. According to verse 9, how can we experience today some of the future glory we have in Christ?

*“For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

Hebrews 11:1

Jesus said to Thomas, *“Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”*

John 20:29

“Little faith will take your soul to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.”

Charles Spurgeon

“Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.”

Augustine

“Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.”

Oswald Chambers

## “INEXPRESSIBLE JOY IN THE INVISIBLE CHRIST”

**1 PETER 1:8-9**

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I. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*Verse 8a*

- Christianity is first and foremost a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_ (love, trust, and joy), not a matter of external performances.
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ with the risen Christ not a list of rules to follow.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*Verse 8b*

IV. Receiving \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ.  
*Verse 9*

III. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*Verse 8c*