

## **1 Peter: Being A Believer In A Non-Believing Culture**

**Being a Believer in a Non-Believing Culture requires a commitment to Jesus that surpasses any commitment of any person who is not a follower of Christ.**

### **Revealed In Suffering**

#### **1 Peter 1. 6-9**

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

<sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

<sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

<sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

**Followers of Jesus may face hostility and harassment because of their faith. Peter tells us this type of suffering reveals the legitimacy of our faith.**

**Because God saved us, followers of Christ experience joy, even in difficult circumstances, like hostility.**

**Regardless of what is going on, rejoice that you are saved by Jesus.**

**Fraudulent faith is never tested by a hostile culture.**

**Suffering, hostility and even doubt are a test of faith that will end in praise, glory and honor.**

**Hostility is a test of the genuineness of our faith in Jesus.**

**Suffering is an opportunity for joy because it confirms our faith and our salvation.**

**How does a follower of Christ live in a culture that is increasingly hostile and unreceptive to Christianity?**

**With joy. Because that hostility is evidence that we follow, love and believe in Jesus. Our faith is revealed.**