

## **Table Talk, April 1, 2020**

### **Study Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

#### *Born Again to a Living Hope*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

#### **Working Definition of Joy (Rick Warren)**

*Joy is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise God in every situation.*

### **Table Questions**

1. What is the secret to joy in trials?
2. What's the strategy for a Christian to have joy while suffering through losses, financial collapse, or even death?
3. Is it realistic that both joy and grief can exist together?
4. What does Scripture teach as ways to experience joy in the midst of trials?
5. Why should believers have joy in their trials?
6. How can we live this type of Christian life in the various trials we go through?
7. If we have lost our joy because by losing the right focus, what must we do to regain it?
8. What ways have you experienced the loss of joy in your salvation? Why did you lose it?
9. How can you better live to maintain it?
10. Joy is a permanent possession while happiness is fleeting. Joy stays, happiness comes and goes. Why aren't we as believers more joyful if we are children of God?