

REFINED

Refine - To reduce to a pure state; become pure; purify. To improve.

Refined - Free of impurities. Precise to a fine degree; subtle; exact.

Purify - To make or become clean or pure.

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 48:10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Our faith in God is refined by trials. The purpose of trials are to test the genuineness of our faith. The trying of our faith is more precious than gold. Our heart must be purified. We will go through fiery trials.

There's no way around the fire. We must go through the fire.

Job 23:10 says, " But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold." We will come out of the fire as pure gold. The testing period of a trial increases our faith in God and helps us to develop trust in God. Trial proves the genuineness of our faith in God.

Gold that is purified is tested in the fire. It goes through the fire to remove all impurities, blemishes and imperfection from the gold. Trials are the purification process that purifies the heart from all impurities, blemishes and imperfections. (Testing is Necessary).

You won't burn in the fire but you will die to self in the fire. Faith that is tried is purged from unbelief. Being refined in the fire produces patience. Being refined in the fire produces spiritual maturity.

Gold is refined in fire to purify it and to increase its value. Just as gold is refined by heat of a refining fire, so our lives are purified by the troubles of life which test us. God's purpose of the test is for us to come out of the fire spiritually mature and Christ-like; resulting in praise, honor and glory when Jesus returns. We can rejoice in trials. We can go through the fire with a praise. When we come out we will come out better. The testing of our faith proves the genuineness of our faith in God. This brings praise, honor and glory to God.

Amen