

## Pressure Makes Diamonds (and Wine)

<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. <sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. (1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT)

1. The under-pressure Christians in Revelation were reminded of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive. (Revelation 2:8 NLT)

2. The Smyrna Christians loved Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ than the world.

I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. (Revelation 2:9 NLT)

“If you love me, obey my commandments.” (John 14:15 NLT)

3. Following Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in faith and holiness.

“For the Scriptures say, ‘You must be holy because I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:16 NLT)

4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to us what real wealth is.

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:20 NLT)

If you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10b NLT)