

The masterpiece God is painting

¹² You are loved!

Do not be surprised at the trial-by-fire that is taking place among you, as though something surprising were happening to you.

¹³ But, as you share in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice, so that in the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice, jumping with exuberance.

¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

1 Peter 4:12-14

The big picture includes v12

The picture painted by the
God is love. 1 Jn.4:8. Ps.5:12. Ps.36:5. 1 Jn.3:1.
Jn.3:16. Eph.2:4-5. Heb.12:6. Lam.3:21. 1 Cor.13:4

The picture painted of the
John 15:17-19

The picture's foreground is v13

Colossians 1:15-17

"Rejoice... Rejoice"

Re + Joy. The word rejoice is a cognate of

Rejoice as you share Christ's

. suffering from the world.

. suffering from the Lord.

. suffering from myself.

"I have been crucified with Christ" Gal.2:20

Rejoice as you share Christ's

Romans 8:17, Romans 8:18.

The picture's background is v14

The world's worst gives me

Noun

Verb

Blessing does NOT change me

The world's worst gives me

2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18

The masterpiece God is creating is in your

My prayer priorities for the week beginning Sunday 22 August 2021

S 22 André and Emma

M 23 Aileen and George

T 24 Phil and Louise. Mark, Lisa and Thomas.

W 25 Angela. Lerida.

T 26 Steve and Jenni. Snezhana.

F 27 Ray and Helen. Geoff and Joy.

S 28 Moses, Sharon and the Peniel Ministry in Myanmar

S 29 Bill B; Lorna T; other past members

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. When you visit an art gallery, what style of pictures do you find most attractive?
2. Look at v12. If God really loves us, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening to us? When does love allow bad things to occur?
3. In v13 the word "rejoice" is used twice. What are the two settings? Was it necessary for Christ to pass through the first to arrive at the second? Is it necessary for us to pass through the first, to arrive at the second?
4. In v14 it says, "you are blessed". List some advantages of blessings being person, rather than our circumstances being blessed.
5. What is something you will commit to do this week into order to bless someone?

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