

## Discussion Notes for 1 Peter 1:8-9

- What is the message Peter is conveying in these verses?
- How is this simple message encouraging for believers who are enduring religious persecution?
- Why is the love and joy that Peter speaks of in these verses only possible through the Holy Spirit?
- Read **Romans 8:16**. How does the Holy Spirit communicate the assurance of our adoption as sons and daughters?
- Pastor Paul referred to this as the “internal evidence” of the Spirit. What are some external evidences?
- Why does Apologetics only deal with external evidence?
- In **Jeremiah 31: 31–34** what internal evidence of the Spirit does this prophecy predict?
  - What did we learn about the Hebrew word “know” from this passage?
  - How does this information affect our understanding of intimacy with God?
- What is the biggest hindrance to experiencing intimacy with God?
- How does Romans 12:1-2 speak to getting our hearts retuned to the life of the Spirit?