"The result of this active trust is **an inexpressible and glorious joy** even in the midst of suffering. Peter repeated the theme of joy that he introduced in verse 6. This joy issues from gratitude to God for who he is and for what he has provided through salvation. Joy comes especially from our hope of seeing Christ one day. Although our trials may result in temporary grief, this need not extinguish our deep, abiding joy anchored in our hope in Jesus Christ.
Biblical joy does not depend on circumstances. Joy is inseparably connected to love and trust. Even during pain, the fullness of joy comes from a deep sense of the presence of God in our lives. We can experience joy in suffering when we believe our suffering has a redemptive or refining purpose." 1

Walls, David, and Max Anders. *I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude.* Vol. 11. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999. Print. Holman New Testament Commentary.

Inexpressible (anekllaliti?) literally means "higher than speech."1

1 MacArthur, John F., Jr. *1 Peter.* Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2004. Print. MacArthur New Testament Commentary.

"Believe," as used here, means "to trust or rest your confidence in someone, to depend on them."

Walls, David, and Max Anders. *I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude.* Vol. 11. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999. Print. Holman New Testament Commentary.

keywords from verse 8

"that is inexpressible"

"you believe"

"love"

"The verb "love" (*agapate*) should be construed as an indicative rather than an imperative.

"Peter was not exhorting the churches but commending them here. Their sufferings have not made them morose and miserable. They are filled with love for Jesus Christ. He is precious and lovely to them."

Schreiner, Thomas R. 1, 2 Peter, Jude. Vol. 37. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2003. Print. The New American Commentary.

keywords from verse 10

"searched"

"inquired carefully"

Searched. Used nowhere else in the New Testament. Compare Septuagint, 1 Sam. 23:23, of Saul's searching out David.1

1 Vincent, Marvin Richardson. *Word Studies in the New Testament.* Vol. 1. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887. Print.

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Sought. Used of Esau's seeking carefully for a place of repentance, in Heb. 12:17.1

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1 Peter, Chapter 1, verses 8-9

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