The Affections of a Genuine Believer—1 Peter 1:8

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What marks the genuineness of a believer's faith in Christ? In this text, Peter, commending the true faith of persecuted Christians, does not note their words or their actions, but their *affections.* Here we discern that the affections of a genuine believer are marked by at least two qualities:

1. Inexplicable Love.
   …whom having not seen you love.

2. Inexpressible Joy.
   …you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.