

## JOY IN TRIALS

Scripture: James 1:1-4

1 This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad.

Greetings!

2 Dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

James exhorts us to Consider three things:

1. CONSIDER IT ALL JOY 1:2.

- A. WE SHOULD EXPECT TRIALS.
- B. WE SHOULD NOT DENY EMOTIONAL PAIN.
- C. THIS RADICAL ATTITUDE IS NOT NATURAL.
- D. THIS RADICAL ATTITUDE RESULTS FROM A DELIBERATE CHOICE.

2. THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH PRODUCES ENDURANCE 1:3.

- A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER EVERY TRIAL.
- B. GOD IS USING THE TRIALS TO TEST OUR FAITH TO PRODUCE ENDURANCE.

3. WE SHOULD LET ENDURANCE HAVE ITS PERFECT RESULT 1:4).

- A. MATURITY IS A PROCESS, NOT INSTANT PERFECTION.
- B. SUBMITTING TO THE PROCESS WILL RESULT IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY.