**PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**A Study of the Book of James**

(James 1:1-18 - Be Joyful in Trials)

*“Cheer Up! You Are Suffering!”*

Introduction: “Cheer up! You are suffering!” Who in all the world would make such a statement?

Who in all the world would believe such a statement?

**1:1** Greeting “James” - There are at least 3 “James-es” in the New Testament. Which one of the three do you think is the author of this letter?

Hebrew = Jacob, Greek = Iakobos, English = Jacob & James

*JAMES* also called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mt 10:2, Ac 12:2

*JAMES* also called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mt 10:3, Mk 15:40; 16:1

*JAMES*

Mt 13:55-56 Mk 6:3 Jn 7:3-5  Ac 1:14  1 Cor 15:3-7

Ac 12:17 Ac 15:13ff Ac 21:17-19 Ga 1:18-19; 2:9

Eusebius (260-339AD) called James “the bishop of Jerusalem”

Jewish historian Josephus writes that after 62AD, when Festus, the Roman governor died, the high priest Annus II and the Sanhedrin had James stoned to death.

**1:1** the Lord Jesus Christ

the twelve tribes

“The believer’s faith-based response to God’s forgiving love in Christ.”

 **1:2-8 Trials and Temptations**

How can we think of our trials and testing as a joy?

v2-4 1)

v5-8 2)

Are we completely self-sufficient? (2Corinthians 12:9,10)

v5 without finding fault

v6 without doubting (Hebrews 4:14-16)

**1:9-11**

lowly in society take pride in their high position? (Luke 6:20-22)

How do those who have few earthly treasures and suffer a lot less view this earth and life?

What special burdens do the rich have?

Where is the rich believer’s true treasure? (2Corinthians 8:9)

**1:12-18**

v12 blessed =

 perseverance (Rev 2:10; 3:11,12)

 Why do we need spiritual toughness?

V13-15 temptation =

 From whom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

testing =

From whom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What’s the only thing that spares us from divine wrath? 2Cor 5:19

What helps us in temptation? Heb 4:15

What must be the center of our lives? Col 3:16

V16-18 Even when we are troubled and hurting, what is still true about our Father in heaven?

How does this help you trust your heavenly Father?