

(BASICS | PHASE 2/DISCIPLESHIP)

Salvation

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Justification

Past (Phase 1)

*I Have Been Saved From the
Penalty of Sin*

Free

Christian

Salvation

Sanctification

Present (Phase 2)

*I Am Being Saved From the
Power of Sin*

Costly

Disciple

Salvation

Glorification

Future (Phase 3)

*I Will Be Saved
From the
Presence of Sin*

Face to Face

Glorified Bodies

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. Rom.13:11

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Gk. Πειρασμός, trials, tests, familial physical, emotional, financial

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1. Trials are given to test our faith. Verse 3

2. Reason for trials is to increase our endurance/patience verse 3

3. Trials advance us to spiritual maturity verse 4.

³ **knowing** that the **testing** of your faith produces **patience**. James 1:3

The word *knowing is a participle*. Knowing is how we are able to maintain the imperative in verse 2. (count all joy)

PATIENCE GK. ὑπομονή **TESTING**-GK. δοκιμίον- to examine
knowing .Gk. γινώσκω

Knowing that trials serve a purpose can determine whether you overcome your challenges or whether they overcome you.

When you have an understanding of what God desires for you to know, your response or reaction to situations can be different from how you would react/respond if you were completely unaware

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POINTS OF OBSERVATION

From James Chapter 1:1-4

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The word *if* introduces a *first class conditional sentence*, which means the condition described is assumed to be true—“if you lack wisdom, and you undoubtedly do” is the idea. Wisdom refers to the skill of applying truth to everyday life situations. Knowledge perceives truth, and wisdom applies truth.

James is telling us how we should express joy in testing, and this requires a big amount of wisdom

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We just observed the doctrine of trials (V.2-5) Verse 2 & 4 form book ends

What to do amidst the various trials (V2)

What is the objective of trial in the life of the believer (V4)

What do you if you can't count it all joy (V5)

1. Pray for wisdom to CIAJ (count it all joy)

2. Expect God to answer you.

3. followed by God's promise to give us this ability. We are to ask God for the ability to look at tests as we should. God gives generously.