

**James**  
**Women's Bible Study Revised 2022**

**Lesson 2: Introduction – James 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:  
Greetings.

***1) Who wrote the book of James? Which James?***

***2) When was this book written?***

***3) To whom is the book written?***

***5) Reread verse 1. What does the word servant mean?***

***6) Application: James 1:1. What did I learn from this verse that I can apply to my life?***

<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

***7) After reading verses 2-4, it is first necessary to define some words. What are the definitions of the following words:***

***Joy***

***Trial***

***Faith***

***Steadfastness***

***Perfect***

***8) How is joy different from happiness? What is the object of joy? What is the object of happiness?***

***9) When are we to "count it all joy"? How are we to "count it all joy" at these times?***

***10) Verses 3 & 4 tell us why we can “count it all joy” when we “meet trials of various kinds.” If you had to explain these verses to a new believer in Christ, what would you say?***

**11) In a conversation with several former co-workers, who were professors of Christ (or said they believed in Christ), I was told that “MY god is a LOVING god and a LOVING god wouldn’t send arbitrary tests to try to trip us up.” How might you respond with truth IN LOVE to this statement? You might consider Zechariah 13:9. In addition here are links to a video and a website that might be helpful:**

Refiner’s fire – How is silver refined? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GF7GnfKQfTA>

Fire Assay Test for gold’s purity: <https://www.totaram.com/education/gold-purity-testing/>

***12) Think about a trial that you have experienced in your life. What was your initial reaction? How did you bear up under the pressure? Was there ever any biblical joy in the midst? After the trial was over, how did you respond – with praise or with reflection and contemplation or with bitterness and anger?***

