

James 1:2-3  
"Joy in Trials"\*

**Introduction:** *A pattern found in both the Old and New Testaments*

- **Israel's redemption from slavery in Egypt:** Followed immediately by trials in the wilderness.
  - **The New Testament:** Places an enormous emphasis on the believer's trials.
  - **Our Lord Jesus Christ:** Had a lot to say about trials in His great Sermon on the Mount.
1. **We must recognize** that the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ even in the midst of trials.
- **“Brothers”:** James's favorite way of addressing his readers.
  - **The word translated as “count” or “consider”:** An accounting term that suggests that the joy that James calls for is a calculated response.
  - **Sorrow and joy:** Both found in the Apostle Paul at the same time.
  - **Our joy in our trials:** Totally dependent upon our faith in those trials.

- **A couple of biblical truths that we must believe:** God is absolutely sovereign and infinitely wise.
- **Your own close, personal walk with God:** Absolutely essential for rejoicing in the midst of trials.

2. **We must recognize** God's sanctifying \_\_\_\_\_ in each and every \_\_\_\_\_ that comes our way.

- **The Christian life:** Can usually be likened to a marathon that requires great endurance.
- **Trials:** Sometimes reveal the difference between those who really believe and those who just have a mere profession of faith.
- **One great need in trials:** Preaching to yourself the truth of God's word.
- **Personal Application:**

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