

Sunday | January 31 | 2021

Count It All Joy

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Text: James 1:1-18

What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?

In your own words - how would you summarize the theological message of today's text?

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Live For God. Love Each Other. Build God's Kingdom

Discussion Questions

1. How does the testing of our faith produce steadfastness (v. 3)? Why should this bring us joy?
2. **Apply It!** How has your faith been tested recently? Did you respond with joy? How might you approach that test differently today?
3. What does it mean to be "double-minded" (v. 8)? How does this interfere with effective prayer?
4. See vv. 12-15. Where does temptation come from? What's the end result of temptation if it's not resisted? What's the promise for those who resist?
5. **Apply It!** How have you successfully resisted temptation? What practices, mindsets, strategies, etc. have helped you remain steadfast? On the other hand, when do you find yourself more vulnerable to temptation?
6. What does it mean that we are "...a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (v. 18)? How does this understanding affect the way that you look at yourself - and at other Christians?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Thank the Lord that he is perfect and does not change. Thank him for calling us to be his people by the Word of truth, and thank him for the unshakeable joy that comes from him. Ask him for steadfastness in trials and hardships, that your faith may increase no matter the circumstances and that your joy may be complete!