

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

## Victory

Introduction: We are studying great Bible words. One of the topics submitted for this series was victory. **I Corinthians 15:50-58** is a familiar passage that identifies our victory in Christ, also we might think of **Romans 8**. However, I want us to focus on **James 1:1-4**. We need to take a close look James' perspective on trials for the Christian. Let's study together...

Discussion:

### I. The Principle of Victory

James says: "count it all joy, my brothers" (v.2)

- A. Joy is planted by the Spirit of God (**Galatians 5:22**).
- B. Joy is rooted in assurance and faith (**Hebrews 11:1, 6**).
- C. Joy grows in our obedience (**Hebrews 11:33-40, Genesis 15:16**).

### II. The Problem of Victory

James says: "when you meet trials of various kinds" (v.2)

- A. Christianity is the only true faith (**Ephesians 4:5**).
- B. Christianity is a tested faith (**John 16:33, Matthew 5:10**).
- C. Christianity is a trained faith (**II Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17**).

### III. The Promise of Victory

James says: "for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" (v.3)

- A. God allows trials to steady us (**I Peter 1:3-6**).
- B. God allows trials to strengthen us (**Romans 8:35, II Timothy 4:12**).
- C. God does not allow trials to smother us (**I Corinthians 10:13**).

### IV. The Profit in Victory

James says: "And let steadfastness have its full effect" (v.4)

- A. Steadfastness produces a stronger faith (**Luke 17:6**).
- B. Steadfastness produces a self-less faith (**Luke 6:35, Romans 12:1-2**).
- C. Steadfastness produces a sober faith (**I Peter 5:8-9**).

### V. The Prize of Victory

James says: "that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (v.4)

- A. Our trials help us to become perfect (**Matthew 5:48**).
- B. Our trials help us to become complete (**Romans 5:1, Hebrews 13:21**).
- C. Our trials help us to become sufficient (**Matthew 6:33, Acts 5:41**).

Conclusion: Every believer faces trials in this life. James gives us an interesting perspective. He wants to challenge us to re-think trials. Do you want to be a winner or a loser? Are you ready for the trials of life? Are you ready to have victory in Jesus? Let's share this wonderful word with others!