

Doer of the Word

Session 1



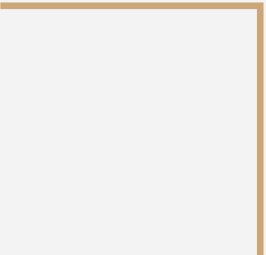
Activity 1

Introductions & James Background

Each student will introduce him or herself and tell what they know about the book of James or would like to know about it.

(30 seconds per person.)

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James Background

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Author

- Most likely James, the Lord's half-brother
- Leader of the Jerusalem church
- Made a significant impact on the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 15; 21).
- Held an authoritative position in the church at the Jerusalem council (Acts 15:13ff)
- Spoke with Paul on his return to Jerusalem at the end of his third missionary journey

Audience

- Twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad (1:1), but not in one location.
- Believers fled during the persecution which came upon Stephen's death
- Jewish Christians dispersed across Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:1),
Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Syrian Antioch (Acts 11:19)
- James would have felt responsible as their former pastor to offer instruction to them at this time.

Purpose

- James gave instructions to keep the body of Christ connected
- Theme is Christian faith and bearing works worthy of a genuine Christian
- Admonished readers to practice their faith as doers of the Word
- Emphasized proper response to suffering and trials
- Theme reflects real faith produces genuine stability, humility, love, and patience

Genre

- Epistle
- Probably written before the Council in Jerusalem in AD 49-50
- Letter immerses the reader into the culture of that time

Outline

Faith in action as doers of the Word: Obedience under adversity

- Introduction (1:1)
- Patience in Trials (1:2-19a)
- Doing the Word (1:19a-3:18)
- Pride and Worldliness Rebukes (4:1-17)
- Rich Oppressors Rebuked (5:1-6)
- Encouragement in View of the Coming of the Lord (5:7-20)

Activity 2: Joy

“My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;”
(Jas 1:2).

Next time I'll write these down. Excellent job everyone!!!!!!

Write down in your own words what you think joy means in Jas 1:2 above.

Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.

Activity 2: Joy

“Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience” (Jas 1:3).

Let's define joy in Jas 1:2 using the context principle.

Context Principle of Hermeneutics

Context connects thoughts running through a portion or whole of Scripture to reveal the original intent of God's truth.

One interprets a word or verse keeping in mind the surrounding content, historical, and cultural contexts of the passage, book, testament, and Bible.

Contextual Word Study: Joy in Jas 1:2-4

- (2) My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;
- (3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- (4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Contextual Word Study: Joy in Jas 1:2-4

What is going on **behind the text** politically, economically, culturally, historically, and socially?

James writes to the assembly of believers suffering many trials. He lists them in the letter. For example

- dispersed to a land not their own (1:1)
- opposition and persecution (5:10)
- powerless widows and orphans (1:26-27)
- wide-spread poverty (2:16)
- exploited by the wealthy (2:5-7; 5:1–11)

Contextual Word Study: Joy in Jas 1:2-4

What is going on **within the text**? Look at the words in the verse.

My brethren, count it all joy **when** ye fall into divers temptations;

To whom does James write?

What type of verb is count?

What does count it meant?

All precedes joy. What does all mean?

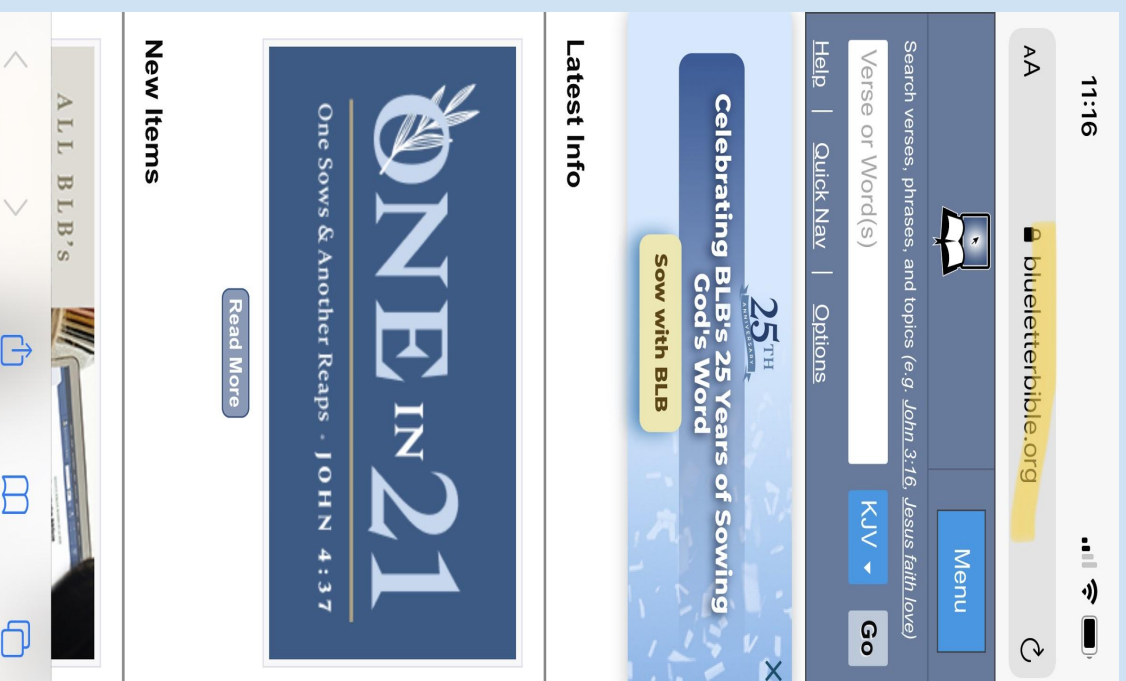
When does one count it all joy?

Word Study: Joy in Jas 1:2

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Word Study: Joy in Jas 1:2

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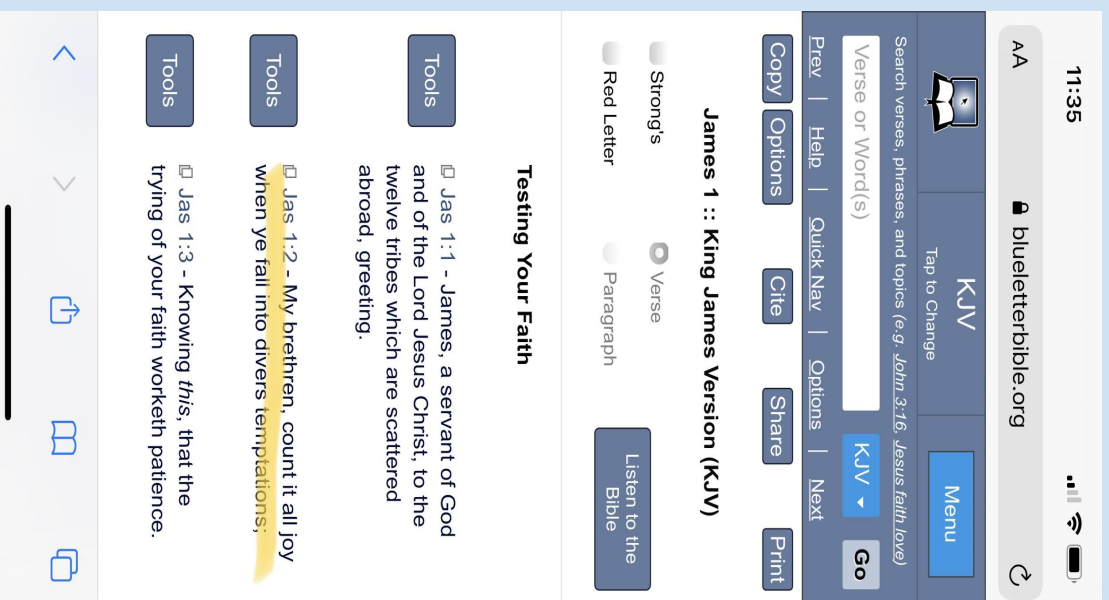
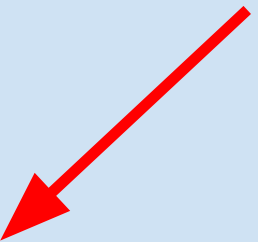
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James 1:2, which will
take you to the
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Word Study: Strong's # to Interlinear

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Scroll down to joy.

Click on the
Strong's #
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Textus Receptus

Interlinear

Reverse Int...

The table below displays the KJV text. [?]

English	Strong's	Inflected, Root & Transliterated
My	G3450	μου
	P-1GS	mou
brethren	G80	ἀδελφοί
	N-VP M	ἀδελφός
		adelphos
count it	G2233	ἡγήσαθε
	V-ADI-2P	ἡγέομαι
		hēgeomai

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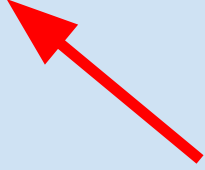
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	A-ASF	πᾶς
		pas
joy	G5479	χαρὰν
	N-ASF	χαρά
		chara
when	G3753	ὅταν
	CONJ	ὅταν
		hotan
ye fall	G4045	περιτέσχητε
	V-2AAS-2P	περιπίπτω
		peripiptō
into divers	G4104	ποικίλοις



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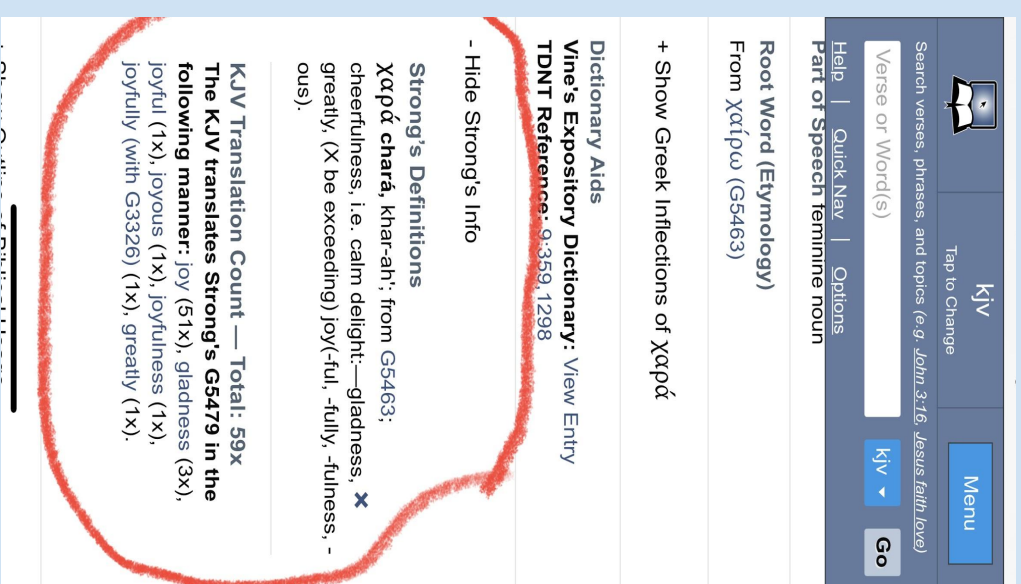
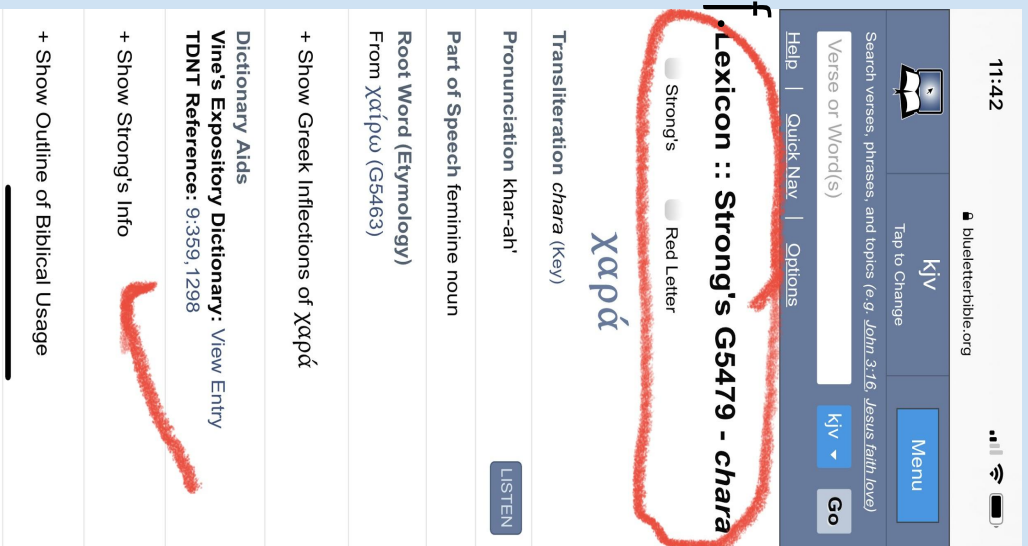
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Lexicon to Strong's Def

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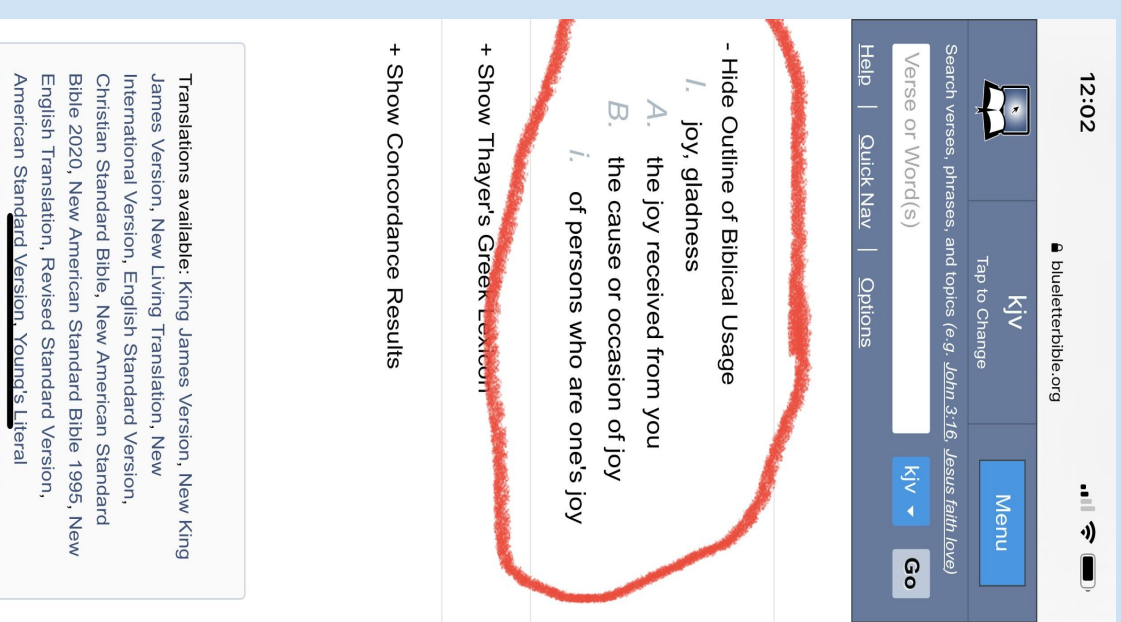
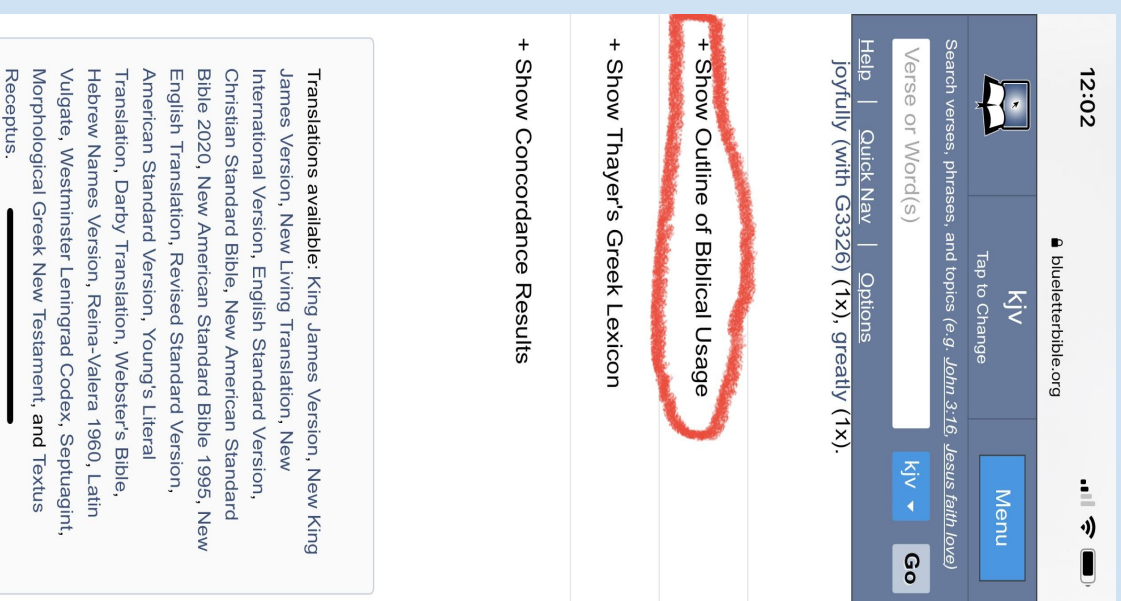
You can find
a possible
gloss for joy
here.

A gloss is a
word, initial
meaning for
the word in
context.

Word Study: Strong's Def. to Outline of Biblical Usage

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Word Study: Biblical Usage to Thayer's Greek Lexicon

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- I. joy, gladness
- A. the joy received from you
- B. the cause or occasion of joy
 - i. of persons who are one's joy

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7, 22, 17, 12: Xenophon, Hiero 1, 25); with **πνεύματος ἀγίου** added, joy wrought by the Holy Spirit, 1 Thessalonians 1:6; **χαρά ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ**, joyousness caused by (cf. **ἐν**, I. 6 (p. 211b) bottom) and Buttmann, § 133, 23) the Holy Spirit, Romans 14:17; **χαρά ἐπὶ τίνι**, 2 Corinthians 7:4; **χαίρειν χαρά διὰ τί**, John 3:29 (cf. **χαίρω**, a.); also **διὰ τίνα** (a relative pronoun in apposition), 1 Thessalonians 3:9; **ἡ χαρά ὅτι**, John 16:21; **χαρά ἴνα** (see **ἴνα**, II. 2 d.), 3 John 1:4

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Scroll down for the appropriate meaning in context

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STRONGS NT 5479: **χαρά**

χαρά, χαρᾶς, ἡ (χαίρω), from Aeschylus and Sophocles down, the Sept. for **גִּילְגִּילָה** and **גִּילְגִּילָה**, **joy, gladness**:

a. Luke 1:14; Luke 15:7, 10; John 15:11; John 16:22, 24; John 17:13; Acts 8:8; 2 Corinthians 7:13; 2 Corinthians 8:2; Galatians 5:22; Colossians 1:11; Philippians 2:2; 1 John 1:4; 2 John 1:12; opposed to **κατήφεια**, James 4:9; opposed to **λύπη**, John 16:20; 2 Corinthians 2:3; Hebrews 12:11; **ἡμῶν**, i. e. the joy received from you, 2 Corinthians 1:24 (opposed to the 'sorrow' which Paul on returning to Corinth would both experience and give, 2 Corinthians 2:1-3); **χαρὰ τῆς πίστεως**, springing from faith, Philippians 1:25; **χαίρειν χαρὰν μέγαν** Matthew 2:10 (Winers Grammar, § 32, 2; Buttmann, 131, 5); **ἀγαλλιάσθαι χαρὰ**, 1 Peter 1:8; **χαρὰν** (Rec-st **χάριν**) **πολλὰν ἐξέχειν** ἐπὶ with a dative of the thing, Philemon 1:7; **πληροῦν τινα χαρὰς**, Romans 15:13; **πληροῦσθαι χαρὰς**, Acts 13:52; **2 Timothy 1:4: ποιεῖν**

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πνευματικῆς, joyousness caused by (cr.)

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Matthew
2:10; 13:20; ~~12:44; 25:21; 25:29; 28:8~~

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Look at the verses
surrounding Jas 1:2:
Luke 2:10; 2 Cor
1:15

Don't assume!

Read each one.

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3 John
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Strong's Number **G5479** matches the Greek χαρα (chara), which occurs 59 times in 57 verses in the tr Greek.

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Mat 2:10 - When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. **G5479**

Mat 13:20 - But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy **G5479** receiveth it;

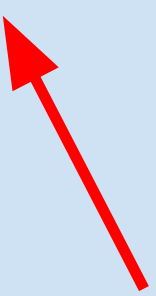
Mat 13:44 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth ~~it~~ **and for joy G5479** thereof goeth



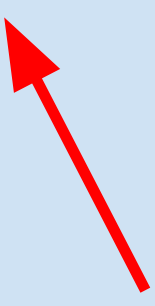
You have to look at each cross reference to see if it supports the context of Jas 1:2.

Possibly Acts 13:52; 20:24; Rom 14:17, 15:13;
1 Thess 1:6???

Show sample of joy on homework template.



Activity 2: Joy



Since we exegeted joy, what is your takeaway from the study?

According to the study about joy, how does God work in the lives of His people today?

Activity 3: Faith

“Knowing this, that the trying of your **faith** worketh patience” (Jas 1:3).

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Amy: Faith is our belief and our intent to believe.

Hassan: Complete trust in our foundational belief.

Pastor Yvette: Trusting in what I believe and it goes back to the Word of God.

Kayla: When you trust with all your might or being...put trust in God

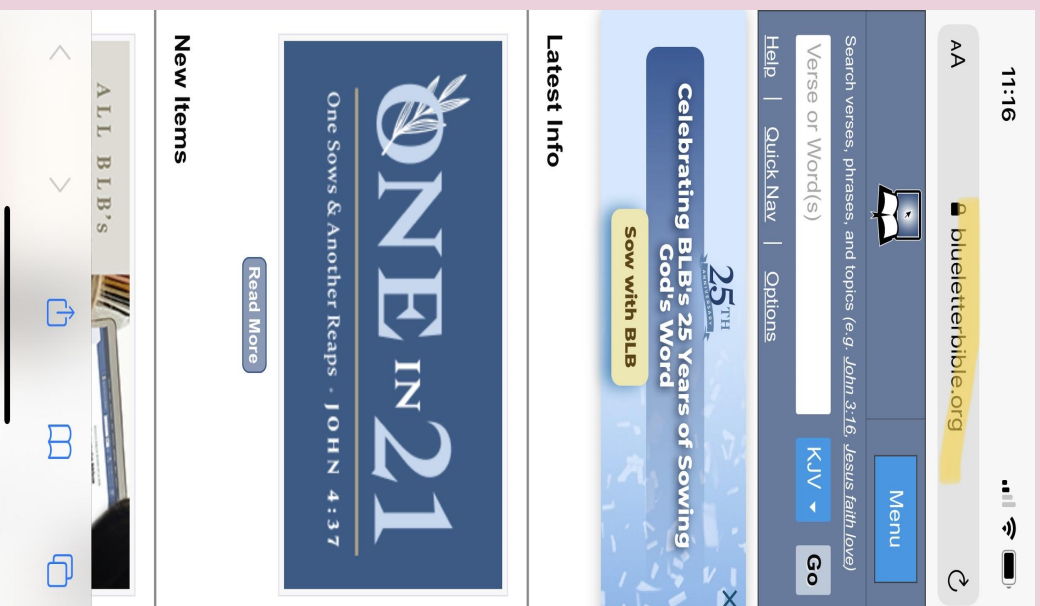
Keith: Strong Belief in God and trusting in His Word

Paula: Putting your trust in God and having your assurance He will fulfill promises

Brittany: Trust or confidence without proof.

Write down in your own words what you think **faith means** in Jas 1:3 above. Pastor Cox will call on a few people to report out.

Word Study: Faith in Jas 1:3



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Faith in Jas 1:3

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I. conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it

A. relating to God

i. the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ

B. relating to Christ

i. a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God

C. the religious beliefs of Christians


D. belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

II. fidelity, faithfulness

A. the character of one who can be relied on

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Lightfoot on Col. as below; Winer's Grammar, 186 (175)): ἡ πίστις τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτόν (Christ) ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Colossians 2:12; διὰ πίστεως, by the help of faith, Hebrews 11:33, 39; κατὰ πίστιν, equivalent to πιστεύοντες, Hebrews 11:13; πίστει, dative of means or of mode by faith or by believing, prompted, actuated, by faith, Hebrews 11:3f, 7-9, 17, 20-24, 27-29, 31; dative of cause, because of faith, Hebrews 11:5, 11, 30.

b. in reference to Christ, it denotes "a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God" (on this see more at length in πιστεύω, 1 b. Y.);

α. universally: with the genitive of the object (see above, in a.) Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, Romans 3:22; Galatians 2:16; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 3:12; Ἰησοῦ, Revelation 14:12; Χριστοῦ, Philippians 3:9; τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, Galatians 2:20; τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, James 2:1; μου (i. e. in Christ), Revelation 2:13 (certainly we must reject the interpretation, faith in God of which Jesus Christ is the author, advocated by Van Hengel,

Word Study:


Faith in Jas 1:3

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Messiah, through
whom we obtain
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Activity 3 -- Question Call Out

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(Jas 1:3).

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Activity 4 -- Joy: Break out room

“My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into divers temptations;”
(Jas 1:2).

As believers, why is having an attitude of joy essential when facing temptation?

Write a thesis statement (Focus, Precise Opinion, three key points) and three topic sentences that match the key points.