**The Epistle of James**

**Chapter 1**  **It is Joy**

1. Greetings (1)
2. No Matter What: Joy (2-4)
3. Seek Wisdom, Do not Doubt, Persevere (5-12)
4. Humility is everything
5. Blessings for those who do not give up
6. Every Good and Perfect Gift (13-18)
7. Walking the Walk: It’s About *Doing* (19-27)

Summary

James gives specific directions to the church on behaving according to the Lord’s command. Familiar sayings, such as *count it all joy* and *every good and perfect gift*, are found in this first chapter. James is clear that doubt counteracts faith (v.6) and ends with a word that we should care for those in need.

Study Questions

1. James was the brother of Jesus. In your opinion, is there any evidence in his writings that he followed teachings from the Gospel or his brother’s sermons?
2. What does, “count it all joy” mean, particularly in today’s cultural climate?
3. What does “low position” (v. 10) mean; are rich people unable to have salvation?

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