

Live the Creed: An Exposition of James
“How To Become a Perfect Christian”

James 1:2–4
The Lord’s Day Morning — April 14, 2024

Q1: What is a Christian?

A1: A Christian is someone who knows, loves, _____ and exalts Jesus Christ.

Q2: If you are a Christian, why are you a Christian?

A2: Because in the order of salvation:

1. God chose you long before you were born (election).
2. God arranged for you to hear the gospel (calling).
3. God caused you to be born again and spiritually alive (regeneration).
4. God enabled you to believe that what Jesus *said* was true, and what he *did* was for you (faith).
5. God forgave you and declared you to be legally righteous (justification).
6. God placed you in his family with full rights and privileges (adoption).
7. God empowers you in the lifelong process of making you like Jesus (sanctification).
8. God will receive and perfect your soul in heaven (death).
9. God will unite your soul with your resurrection body when Christ returns (glorification).

Q3: What does James 1:2–4 tell me to do to become a perfect Christian?

A3: _____ the _____ of God’s personalized and test-filled fitness plan.

Q4: What is a trial?

A4: A trial is any circumstance that makes _____ Jesus seem like a good option. Trials are ordained by God to reveal the truth about what you say you believe and make you more like Jesus.

Q5: What are two main varieties of trials that test and toughen us?

A5: First, the test of _____ (suffering): “I don’t want Jesus because I’ve lost so much.” Second, the test of _____ (success): “I don’t need Jesus because I have so much.”

Q6: What is one of the purposes of the church family?

A6: We help each other _____ God gives us.

Q7: What happens when a church family fulfills this purpose?

A7: Arrogant _____ is replaced by authentic _____.