

CHURCH OF CHRIST



FAVORED

TO BE

Faithful

JAMES 1:12

BLESSED IS THE MAN
WHO REMAINS STEADFAST
UNDER TRIAL, FOR WHEN HE
HAS STOOD THE TEST HE WILL
RECEIVE THE CROWN OF LIFE,
WHICH GOD HAS PROMISED
TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

— JAMES 1:12 —



What is favored life?

Psalms 5:12:

“For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
with favor You will surround him as with a
shield.”

The favored life means God's grace
surrounds you.

Favored life means

- God's protection
 - God's guidance
 - God's blessing
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- Even when life is difficult.

God blesses us not because we
are good.

But because **GOD IS GOOD.**

James 1 :12

[12] **Blessed** is the one who **perseveres** under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Blessed “Makarios” (μακάριος)

- Happy
- Spiritually fortunate
Favored by God
Experiencing God’s approval
- It describes a **person who is approved by God**, regardless of circumstances.

JAMES 1:12 AMP

[12] Blessed [happy, spiritually prosperous, favored by God]

A person can be in:
suffering
hardship
persecution

Yet still be makarios — blessed by God.

“Perseveres” – Hupomenō (ὑπομένω)

Meaning:

To remain

To endure

To stay under pressure

To stand firm without quitting

It describes a believer who does not abandon faith when trials come.



Produces Spiritual Strength

Perseverance means

enduring
remaining faithful
not quitting when life gets hard

The believer who perseveres develops:

stronger faith
deeper trust in God
greater spiritual maturity

2. God Promises a Reward

James 1:12 NIV

[12] having stood the test, that person will receive **the crown of life** that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**Even when people do not notice
your faithfulness, God does.**

3. Love for God Sustains Perseverance.

That the Lord has promised
to **those who love him.**

We persevere not because life is easy, but because we love God more than we love comfort.

Love for God keeps us faithful even in suffering.

Stay Faithful Even When Life Is Hard

Keep praying.

Keep Trusting .

Keep walking with God