

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 21: James

“Real Faith”

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Summary: Real faith motivates us to pursue godliness instead of the natural tendencies of the flesh.

Author: _____

- There are multiple James in the New Testament.
 - James, the son of Zebedee and brother of _____ (Matt. 4:21)
 - He became an apostle (Matt. 10:2).
 - He was part of Jesus’ inner circle (Matt. 17:1)
 - He was _____ early on by Herod (Acts 12:1-2).
 - James the lesser, son of Alpheus (Matt. 10:3)
 - James, the brother of _____ (Matt. 13:55)
 - He did not follow Jesus during his earthly ministry.
 - He received a special appearance from Jesus after His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:4-7).
 - He became a _____ in the church (Acts 15:13).
 - Paul identified this James as a leader in the church (Gal. 2:9).
 - He did not call himself an apostle (James 1:1).

Date:

- After persecution scattered the Jewish believers (1:1) – A.D. _____
- Before the Gentiles were accepted into the church – A.D. _____
- James likely wrote sometime _____ these two events.

Recipient:

- The Jews scattered by persecution
 - “The twelve tribes which are scattered abroad” (1:1)
 - “My brethren” (1:2, and many other times)
 - “_____” is the word for synagogue (2:2).

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1)
- Real faith rejoices in trials (1:2-8).
- Real faith endures temptations (1:9-16).
- Real faith _____ the person (1:17-27).
- Real faith does not have respect of persons (2:1-13).
- Real faith is proven by works (2:14-26).
- Real faith controls the _____ (3:1-17).
- Real faith seeks _____ (3:18-4:6)

- Real faith submits to God (4:7-17).
- Real faith waits for the second coming (5:1-12).
- Real faith prays fervently (5:13-18).
- Real faith is _____ for others (5:19-20).

Challenge to James:

- How do you resolve the difference in emphasis between Romans and James?
 - The Reformers cried “*Sola Fides*” from Galatians 2:16.
 - Martin Luther called James a “Right _____ epistle” because it emphasizes works.
 - Which is right?
 - We are saved by faith - not by works (Eph. 2:8-9).
 - Our works show our faith (Jam. 2:18, 22, 24)

Key Theme: _____

- We learn patience through _____ (1:3).
- We learn patience by being “doers of the Word” (1:22).
- We learn patience by bridling our _____ (3:2).
- We learn patience as we wait for the second coming (5:7-8).

Application: Wait patiently for the coming of the Lord.