James #22

Do not be driven by waves of emotions and false doctrine.

Let us pick it up where we left off in James chapter one.

Keep in mind, Sunday we will do the Lord’s Supper.

Jam 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

[Jas 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/5/s_1147005) But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Remember – ***IF***, is written in a Greek first- class condition, meaning this is a true statement of fact.

When a serious Bel is seeking GOD they will find the Divine Wisdom, usually by means of a teacher accurately handling the word.

/[Jas 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/6/s_1147006) But **he must ask in faith without any doubting**, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, **driven and tossed by the wind**.\

[Jas 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/7/s_1147007) For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

The emphasis falls upon the Christian’s faith…weak faith leads to a weak spiritual walk.

You cannot remain on the fence, year after year in your relationship with GOD.

The result is verse 8;

[Jas 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jas/1/8/s_1147008) *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

This will begin a short series on instability in the Christian-walk.

/Jam 1:6 — “*But let him keep on asking in faith”*

Keep on asking – Pres, Act, Imp, *aiteō;*

Present tense, keep on pursing and seeking with earnest effort.

Active voice, points to the Believer.

Imperative mood, this is not a suggestion!\

I-TAYO, the same verb we have been looking at, this is a serious desire a strong drive to the point of begging.

It only happens - *‘by means of faith*.’

A strong emphasis on faith can never be overlooked, this is a command.

With the finger of accountability pointing back to each Christian’s faith.

/The Greek verb – doubting (*diakrinō*), is also in a present tense (lifestyle). It is often used for evaluating, discerning and also to waver or hesitate, as well as dispute or discriminate. Depending on how it is applied, in this case it is used to show great uncertainty to the point of confusion. James is addressing Bels well beyond the salvation gate, into a walk with God.\

DEE-AR-KRINO, to judge, evaluate, to waver, stumble or even to disagree.

This means to have a decisive split in your mind, and that means to have doubts; it is written in the negative sense, which is a malfunction of GAP.

Grace Apparatus of Perception.

Something is missing or has been changed when a Christian who has been born again for over 3 or 4 years, and they still struggle with faith.

Its okay and very natural to be building up your faith. Yet having his type of doubt after several years, that tosses you around is very problematic.

 REPEAT

Our life sometimes becomes an ocean which can be choppy, or calm, pleasant or tumultuous. So, the Christian must get beyond the immaturity level of spirituality to be able to handle life.

/Many Christians face this type of uncertainty. Once they understand doctrine they go negative; this doubt continues to be like “a wave” — The wave of the sea is an illustration of both instability and disorientation. The wind power means to be pushed around by outside forces. This results in instability — mental attitude sins, emotional revolt of the soul, following false doctrine.\

The reality is, this life has many details and outside forces designed to test us, distract us and confuse us.

Satan had a victory in the garden, so we know he has a level of authority in this fallen world.

Yet, your faith needs to be tethered to the victory of TLJC on the cross, HIS resurrection and your eternal security.

 REPEAT

Jesus explained this precise issue during His earthly ministry.

He pointed out exactly what would happen in the parable of the Sower and Seeds.

/Mat 13:5 “Others fell on **the rocky places,** where they did not have much soil; and **they sprang up immediately**, because they had **no depth of soil**. 6 “But after the sun rose, **they were scorched**; and because they had **no root, they withered away.**

This points to a soul structure of a Bel after salvation. Many Christians are excited at the early stage, yet fade and wither over a short period of time.\

In fact, overly excited new Bels almost always fade in the first two years.

The honeymoon period fades after about a year or a little longer.

This is why many churches rely upon Hollywood theatrics, social ministries and music or fluffy messages to keep the emotions on high. It keeps butts in the seats.

True Biblical studies are really not that glamorous.

/[Mat 13:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/13/7/s_942007) “Others fell among the thorns, and **the thorns came up and choked them out.**

Thorns speak to the problems, details and challenges of life.\

Many Christians can never maintain a solid relationship with doctrinal teaching because the attacks, adversities and even the daily, details of life drag them away.

/The issue of a Christian who is tossed about within their faith is directly related to three factors. Unrealistic Expectations of their temporal walk with God. The interruption of the Edification Complex being erected, or the Grace Apparatus of Perception malfunction (negative volition). Many times, elements of all three collide to bring about uncertainty.\

Go over to 1Corinthians chapter two RF.

We will probably be there into our next message, so get comfortable there.

/Human IQ is never a factor in the function of GAP. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the activation of the human spirit at the point of salvation and the right pastor-teacher are the key factors. All three of these were grace gifts designed by GOD for the CA Believer. When all three are habitually, ignited by a positive Christian, you have the formula for growth through accurate perception.\

In this section of 1Corinthians at the beginning of chapter two – the Apostle Paul is answering his rhetorical question from chapter one; Who is considered the wise one of the day, who are the great debaters who kick against the gospel of Christ?

He tells these Bels at Corinth I stand on the truth of BD – not the wisdom of men.

Certainly not the wisdom of the respected philosophers of the Greek culture, that so many were impressed with.

/1Cor 2:5 so that **your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind**, but on the **power of God**.

What you absorb in your soul and how you absorb it matters. The Apostle Paul is referencing the two power options.\

The Christian must reject the counterfeits and lies of the cosmic system.

When a Bel is habitually emotional and spiritually tossed about in a sea of doubt, it points to the problem of what they are learning, absorbing - and how are they learning it?

[/1Co 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/6/s_1064006) Yet **we do speak wisdom among those who are mature**; a wisdom, however, **not of this age** nor of the **rulers of this age**, who are passing away;

The Apostle Paul is making a clear distinction of more than one wisdom. A wisdom only Bels who are growing into maturity – developing a sound ECS by means of GAP.\

Those who are coming into – *teleios,* a perfect and complete finish.

TELL-EE-ES-I - the exact statement of our LORD on the cross.

 – it is finished, perfect and complete!

A fullness of CHRIST in our life.

The Edification Complex is being constructed which leads into SM. It can only be properly constructed under the Grace Apparatus of Perception.

This is a distinct type of wisdom which means everything else is a counterfeit wisdom.

REPEAT

/1Cor 2:6 – *not of this age – nor of the rulers of this age;*

Again, the Apostle Paul makes a clear distinction of not only a type of wisdom, but a historic time period. The CA was being developed (completed canon of scripture). So, this wisdom would have been a mystery in another age. Also, the rulers of this age are reliant upon Cosmic System ideology. \

Nothing new under the sun- all Unbels are under the wrong knowledge, applying a false wisdom.

[1Co 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/7/s_1064007) but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

/This wisdom was hidden (mystery doctrine) because there was a process of revealing and teaching, beginning in the 1st Dispensation – (Gentiles) Garden with the first Adam. Mystery Doctrine would come to its fruition by 95 AD (completed canon of scripture). The apostles and NT prophets were all part of the CA foundation period.\

A foundation insinuates that it was built once – we do not go back to a foundation.

The Apostle Paul clearly states this plan existed before man. This is a reference to the doctrine of the divine decree, the plan devised in eternity past.

[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

/The Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union was a difficult truth to comprehend for OT saints, though it was prophetic (Isa 9:6, Isa 7:14) and proclaimed. It was never fully understood until the humanity of Christ died upon that cross. The interruption of the Dispensation of Israel by the Church Age was also a mystery. This is why many demanded the crown before the cross – the 2nd Advent was what they desired.\

Couple that with the demonic influence of what happened to Israel’s leadership and spirituality during Babylonian captivity.

Where they had a group called the Sanhedrin, who emerged with many nefarious characters intermingled in it.

Not to mention a very dark set of rules called the TALMUD that arose out of Babylonian captivity.

That is how the fell into false doctrines and confusion.

/Because truth has to be properly taught, then learned under the power of the Holy Spirit with a positive attitude. This is the only way to build an Edification Complex in your soul, that leads us into maturity. When your spiritual knowledge is skewed, it leads to uncertainty as well weak decision -making skills.\

 [1Co 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/9/s_1064009) but just as it is written:“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

This points to a principal Isaiah had spoken about;

/Isa 64:4 For from days of old **they have not heard or perceived by ear, Nor has the eye seen** a God besides You, Who acts in behalf of **one who waits for Him**.

Human viewpoint can never fathom the power and plan of GOD. Notice it is the Bel who loves, honors and waits upon the LORD.\

The right thing done in the right way.

The Grace Apparatus of Perception does not operate outside of certain, very specific parameters.

/Any form of knowledge that leads to wisdom comes from a foundation that falls under 3 categories of human nature; it operates in faith, empiricism, and rationalism. The human spirit breathed into our soul at salvation, has the ability to understand spiritual phenomena because the Holy Spirit teaches it through the Word. Faith with positive volition are key ingredients that digest knowledge from the left lobe into the right lobe, which then leads to wisdom.\

We are told in scripture - “*The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”*

/We still have the old sin nature in our temporal walk. When we are out of fellowship this ministry (GAP) is cut off, the whole system is short-circuited so that we can’t understand the Word. The Unbeliever remains spiritually dead (dichotomous), the OSN is in tune with a spirit of the world (cosmic system). This is why Unbel’s find the truth of BD hard to understand.\

The OSN kick against the things of God.

/Our spirit is created in a new, perfect creature, in union with Christ. The more we nurture that spirit the more it opens up into a fullness (perfection) of CHRIST. We were imputed with the righteousness Christ at salvation, which is perfect – your new nature is perfect. We have to grow into its fullness.\

God does everything in eternity past and GOD is perfect, we can never add into HIS perfection, we learn to grow into it.

/Rom 8:14 For **all who are being led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons *and daughters* of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but **you have received a spirit of adoption** as sons *and daughters* by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”\

God could never create a new spiritual creature from HIS own righteousness that is flawed.

/[Rom 8:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/8/16/s_1054016) The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

This explains the function of GAP. Your free will is instrumental in allowing this Grace Apparatus to operate. \