

The Book of James

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Most theologians and historians believe it to be the half-brother of Jesus and **pastor** of the church in Jerusalem

Date Written: before **49AD**

Purpose: to Challenge believers to live by **faith** as Christ did.

To Whom Written: The early **church** in Jerusalem's members who had been scattered because of the persecution.

Main Theme: Living your life by **faith**

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James 1:1-7

1 James, **a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**, to the twelve tribes which are **scattered** abroad, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers **temptations (trials)**;

3 Knowing *this*, that the **trying(proving)** of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have *her* **perfect(finished)** work, that ye may be perfect and **entire(whole)**, wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. **For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.**

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord

- I. **Tried Faith**
- II. **Patient Faith**
- III. **Finished Faith**

James 2:18

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

James 2:20

But wilt thou know, O vain man, **that faith without works is dead?**

James 2:26

For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also.**

Faith - Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I. Faith for **Tribulations** - Advice for bondservants to Christ (**James 1**)

- A. Temptations will come (**James 1:2-4**)
- B. Wisdom comes to those who ask (**James 1:5-11**)
- C. Happiness comes by enduring in faith (**James 1:12-15**)
- D. God's in charge of the human talents (**James 1:17-21**)
- E. We should follow Him through my works (**James 1:22-25**)
- F. Religion refers to personal relationships (**James 1:26-27**)

II. Faith for Personal **Relationships** (**James 2**)

- A. Love thy Neighbor (**James 2:9**)
- B. All of us are Guilty (**James 2:10-13**)
- C. Our works as a Christian matter (**James 2:14-26**)

III. Faith for **tongue** control (**James 3**)

- A. Faith is needed to control the tongue (**James 3:1-12**)
- B. Good conversation comes from faith in God (**James 3:13-18**)

IV. Faith for **lust** control (**James 4**)

- A. Wars come from lack of lust control (**James 4:1-2**)
- B. Unanswered prayer comes from lack of lust control (**James 4:3-5**)
- C. Faith in God will lead to humility (**James 4:6-10**)
- D. Faith will lead us to not judge anyone but ourselves (**James 4:11-17**)

V. Faith for **money** control (**James 5**)

- A. Riches are dangerous to faith (**James 5:1-6**)
- B. Faith leads to Patience in God (**James 5:7-11**)
- C. Faith leads to a focused on God's ways (**James 5:12-20**)