

**Introduction to James**  
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**Review:**

Can a person decide to believe in Christ? Why? *or* Why not?

In the overview, to what groups did God make promises?

To \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 1 to \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

When does God fulfill all remaining promises? \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

What comes after that? \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Mystery of Christ?

What changed in Acts 10 with Cornelius?

How can we distinguish the Rapture from the Second Advent?

**Propitiation** For whom did Jesus pay the death penalty for sin?

A preacher says, "Believe in Jesus, so your sins will be paid for." What do you say?

Will unbelievers pay for their sins in the lake of fire?

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT ROMANS 1:18: It is often misunderstood**

If Jesus paid for everyone's sin-incurred death penalty, does everyone get eternal life?

Do unbelievers live forever? *or* Do unbelievers simply cease to exist? *or* What?

How do we know that believers don't appear at the Great White Throne

Who are the people talked about in John 5:28? Believers, Unbelievers, or both? Why?

How many people in John 5:28 will be found to have done good things?

If *believing/not believing* and *life/death* are the big issues, how does that affect what we say to unbelievers as we minister to them

How many times does John's Gospel say *believe* \_\_\_\_\_

How many times does John's Gospel say *repent, repentance, or penance*? \_\_\_\_\_

What (in John 20:30-31) says that the book was written to unbelievers?

## INTRODUCTION TO JAMES

### 1:1: The Readers of James (Part 1):

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, Greetings.

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

### 1:18: The Readers of James (Part 2):

Of his own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The writer of the book: Jacob *(Iakōbos)*

How is it that English Bibles call him James?

Probably he is the James (Iakōbos) mentioned in Matthew 13:55

If so, it is pertinent for us to read John 6:42 and 7:5

**James 1:19-20: The Outline of James:**

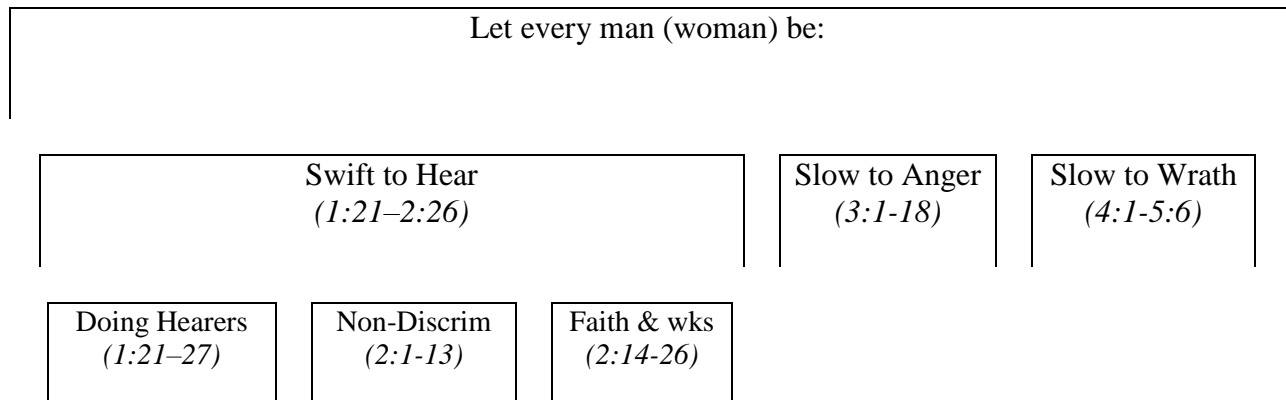
<sup>19</sup> So then, my beloved brethren, let every man

[1] be swift to hear, (1:21-2:26)

[2] slow to speak, (3:1-18)

[3] slow to wrath: (4:1-5:6)

<sup>20</sup> For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.



In which section is the faith-without-works passage (2:14-26)?

To whom did James address 2:14-26?







When we see the word saved, we always need to ask:

Faith in *whom?/what?* \_\_\_\_\_ saves *whom?* \_\_\_\_\_ from *whom?/what?* \_\_\_\_\_

In James (as we will show), *salvation* should be rendered *deliverance*;

*save* should be rendered *deliver*.

**Two Possible Meanings for “faith without works” (2:20, 26)**

Subtraction Model	Addition Model
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If one believes that stealing is sin, but steals anyway, his/her faith delivered him/her?

Memory verse: James 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.