

JAMES

INTRODUCTION

Biographical Facts Regarding James the Author

The Essential Nature of the Book of James

"The book is a spiritual corrective and not an evangelical treatise." R A Ward

True Religion 1.2-27

True Faith 2.1-3.12

True Wisdom 3.13-5.18

The Cornerstone Scripture Presenting the Theme of the Book

Js 1.22 "But be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

CHAPTER ONE

V 1. The Salutation

How does James identify himself?

What kind of character traits do you see in this identification statement and why do you think the Holy Spirit would find such a man useful?

How do you see Jesus' words in Jn15.14-16 in the context of Js 1.1?

What else do you see in this salutation with respect to James' view of himself and James' view of Jesus as a brother in his family?

Who are the intended recipients of this letter?

V 2. What is the exhortation that James gives us in this verse?

What do you think James means by "pure" in reference to the joy that we can experience in trial and what is the basis for the purity of this joy?

Heb 12.2

V 3. What is the platform for all spiritual growth in the life of the believer with respect to trial ?

Prov 3.5-6

How would you describe steadfastness /perseverance?

What is the “spiritual chemistry” behind the role of trust in producing these qualities in the believer?

V 4. What does James cite as the fruit of steadfastness and perseverance in the face of trials over time?

2 Cor 4.17-18

Col. 1.27