

JAMES

Faith for Living

AUTHOR

James, “The Brother of Christ” (same mother) (Gal 1:19)

- Writing to scattered Jewish believers (1:1)

DATE A.D. 40-45

- One of the earliest, if not the earliest epistle

THEME “FAITH FOR OUR DAILY WALK”

Two Purposes:

1. To teach the Christian behavior (1:19; 2:1-4; 3:17;4:4-7)
2. To demonstrate our faith by our works (2:14-26)
 - The book of Practical Christianity
 - Conduct is as important as creed!

OUTLINE

See Baxter’s *Explore the Book* Outline

KEY WORDS

- Faith (16 times)
- Work(s) (16 times)

KEY VERSE

James 1:22

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves”

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. This book is the “Proverbs” of the New Testament
2. Compare with Paul’s epistles:
 - Paul emphasizes justification before God.
 - James emphasizes demonstration before men.
3. James is the Amos of the New Testament
4. There are fifty-four imperatives in one hundred different verses
5. Key Passages:
 - The Tongue (3:1-12)
 - Prayer (5:13-18)

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

1. The “Lord of Glory” (2:1)
2. The One we patiently wait for (5:7-8)