
JAMES – Practical Christianity: Does Your Christianity Work?

Part 1

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Does My Christian Life Work?

James Encourages God's People to Act like
God's People

A Faith That Does Not Produce Real Life
Change Is a Faith That Is Worthless

Who?

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings." **James 1:1, ESV**

James the $\frac{1}{2}$ Brother of Jesus

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they took offense at him." **Mark 6:3, ESV**

"For even his brothers didn't believe in him." **John 7:5, NLT**

"When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said." **Mark 3:21, NLT**

What Made James Turn From Antagonism To Submission?

The Resurrection

"Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles." **1 Corinthians 15:7, ESV**

"But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother."
Galatians 1:19, ESV

When?

45-48 AD

To?

Jewish Christians by Ethnicity

Indentured Servants by Choice

The Only Way That Jesus Can Be Lord Is To Submit Myself
to a Life Time of Servitude to Him

Why?

When Life Gets Hard – We Tend To Take the Path of
Least Resistance

We Want To Live a Life That Does Not Require Faith

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.” *James 1:2, NLT*

James Was Martyred Around 62 AD

If My Faith Doesn't Work On the Small Stuff,
It Won't Work On the Big Stuff

The Christian Life Is an All-Inclusive Life