

# James: A Faith that Walks – True/False Salvation Revealed (1:5-12)

## 1. The False Christian Revealed (1:5-12)

A. Double-minded man - \_\_\_\_\_ God in trials (**2Tim3:12-14; Hab2:4**)

1. doubt: Gk. means to dispute, debate; argue w/ God and His will, doubting His love and character, they don't trust God **\*Ja1:18-22; 2Tim3:7,9**

2. double-minded: 2 souls, 2 minds; a hypocrite, riding the fence, trying to obey God and love the world; when faced w/ trial and obeying God, will back away; follow feelings, culture

3. wave of sea – up and down, tossed, driven by emotion, culture, *the trial drives them* up and down like a wave, no stability, no rest, no joy, *don't obey God's word and trust Him*

B. Trust in \_\_\_\_\_, things of the world, doesn't see "humiliation" (**1Jn2:15-17,19; Lk6:21-26**)

1. fake, trusts wealth, the culture and ways of the world over Word in a trial; self-centered, God is there to bless me and my pursuits; he rejoices in stuff, mind of world, not God **\*Phil3:18,19**

C. \_\_\_\_\_/fades away, as grass and flowers fade and die, so this one dies still pursuing stuff; **Ja5:1-3,5**

## 2. The True Christian Revealed (1:2-12) \*How can true faith endure and not fall away?

A. Single-minded \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: **Jer17:5-8; Hab3:16-19**

1. Knows God is sovereign over all trials; and I am His slave, He owns me – bought w/ the precious blood of Christ; and He infinitely loves me and is for me – therefore trusts God fully!

2. So, has a joyous attitude(vs.2); understands what God is doing(vs.2-4) and submits to God's will, doesn't fight God, but submits to His will and asks Him for wisdom! **See vs.4,5, "let"**

B. Trusts God/His \_\_\_\_\_ joy, seeing his "**high position**" – God is making complete (vs.2-4; **Ja2:5**)

1. See wealth and inheritance in heaven, holds to what is eternal! **\*2Cor4:16-18**

2. Asks God, believes is generous, for wisdom on the trial, in midst of trial – key!

3. God gives wisdom through His Word; we pray, seeking, crying out, looking to His Word!

**\*Prov2:1-6...** starts w/ \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word, He gives wisdom!

**\*2Tim3:16-17...** makes us \_\_\_\_\_ for all good works

**\*2Tim2:8-10...** can't be \_\_\_\_\_/stopped, no matter what you're going through!

**\*Prov.30:5-6...** tested, \_\_\_\_\_ failed!... **Rom1:16...** \_\_\_\_\_ for sanctification!

4. God will *initiate*(vs.2,3) and bring/reveal **3 things** to the forefront, as we do this: **Ex.3:1-10**

\*He reveals \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.6) 2. He reveals His \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.7-8) 3. He reveals His \_\_\_\_\_(vs.10)

5. God does this through all Scripture, and still today: then, we are immediately put into a crisis of belief/test of faith – what will I do now?! \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ to death – he perseveres/endures and then passes the test/approved and rewarded!

1. This applies to each test(**Jn14:21**), and then ultimately w/ our glorification(Ja1:12)

2. It is difficult/tests your faith; we struggle, but have joy because we KNOW whom we have believed and entrusted our souls too! **\*2Tim1:12!!! \*Ps119:71; Rom5:1-5**

**\*Lam3:52-58 –** \_\_\_\_\_, but trusts in the Lord and endures the waves of trials

**\*Is12:1-6 –** comes forth in \_\_\_\_\_, knowing the Lord deeper, proclaiming His salvation!

**\*Psalm40:1-3 –** God's work thru the trial puts \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart!!!