

Sermon Notes: Introduction to the Epistle of James

James 1:1

Text: James 1:1 (NKJV) — *1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.*

Take Away: James is zealous to help us see that Christian confession must be linked with a Christian way of life. Genuine Christian faith must be a real and living faith that comes out of our fingertips. The evidence of the genuineness of one's faith is born out through the refining fire of trials.

- I. **Who Wrote the Epistle?** (References: Acts 12:1-2; *The Epistle of James Through New Eyes: Wisdom for Dissidents* by Jeffery Meyers; John 7:35; Lev. 26:27-28, 33; Rev. 11:8; James 1:12)

- II. **The Life of James the Brother of Jesus** (References: Mark 3:20-21; John 7:2-5; 1st Cor. 15:3-8; Acts 1:13-14; Gal. 1:16-19; Gal. 2:9; Acts 15:19-21, 23; *The Church History* by Eusebius)

- III. **The Gospel at the Heart of James' Letter** (References: James 1:22-25; James 1:2-4; Psalm 22:1, 21-31)