

Introducing: James

The book of James, written between A.D. 45-50, is probably the first New Testament book to ever have been written. Most experts agree that the author was James, the half-brother of Jesus, though he simply calls himself a servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is written to believers who have been scattered all over the world due to oppression and persecution.

The purpose of the book was not to provide some high theological treatise to establish doctrine and give birth to faith. The name *Lord Jesus Christ* only appears twice, and the author never mentions the Cross, the Resurrection or the Holy Spirit. But that is not why it was written. It isn't even a defense of the truth. Rather, it is simply a practical book about practical Christianity that assumes you already know the basics of the Faith. Its intention is to drive home the importance of living out the Truth you already know. He addresses this issue: *If you say you believe, why do you act like you don't.*

It is time for Christians to grow up and move their faith from drowning in the sea of intellectuality to riding on the waves of practical daily living for Jesus. The message of James cuts through all the lofty speech of modern theologians and forces us to examine our own hearts to determine whether we possess a practical Christianity or not. Grown Christians live what they believe, they don't just talk about it. James will challenge and stretch your self-awareness about your faith. Some of the problems he deals with will you remind you of immature children: *Impatience in Difficulties* (1:1-4); *Talking but not Living the Truth* (2:14ff); *No Control of the Tongue* (3:1ff); *Fighting and Coveting* (4:1ff); *Collecting Material Toys* (5:1ff).

To get the most from our study of James over the next several weeks, you must be born again, for the book is written to those already in Jesus Christ. You must honestly examine your life in light of this inspired Word. You must obey what God teaches regardless of the cost. You must be prepared for some extra trials and testings. You must measure your growth by the Word and NOT someone else.

Not everyone who grows old grows up. There is a difference between age and maturity. Mature Christians are joyful, useful and help encourage others, building up the local church. This study should help us all mature a little more.

—Jeff Gardner



Sermon Notes

Thankful Even for Trouble

James 1:2-12

Adversity. Trials. Problems. Difficulties. Trouble. They are all a very real part of life. When life continues to be hard and full of trouble, how can we be thankful for that? Notice four realities of trouble which can actually be helpful.

- I. Trouble Produces P_____ (1:2-4).
 - A. Trouble gives us the I_____ F_____ we need not to give up.
 - B. The heat of the furnace of trouble is designed to S_____ and S_____ character.
 - C. Trouble can strip away everything you H_____, but not who you A_____.
 - D. Never judge the Q_____ of a rug by looking at the W_____ side.
- II. Trouble Produces P_____ (1:5-8).
 - A. James encourages us to P_____ for W_____.
 - B. Wisdom enables us to not W_____ the O_____.
 - C. We must ask in full F_____ with no D_____.
- III. Trouble Produces P_____ P_____ (1:9-11).
 - A. M_____ things won't stand in your way of developing a C_____ which D_____ upon the Lord.
 - B. We have nothing of L_____ value to L_____.
 - C. We are all E_____ in the S_____ of God.
- IV. Trouble Produces P_____ P_____ (1:12).
 - A. "Blessed" is the Bible's way of saying G_____ H_____.
 - B. God will use every T_____ to make you a B_____ person.
 - C. The ultimate reward is the C_____ of L_____.
 - D. O_____ alone will fail; T_____ alone will fail; but L_____ never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Congratulations

- Congratulations and welcome to LoraNeTeal Weatherly who was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, June 7th. Please be prayerful for her as she begins her new life in Christ.
- Congratulations to Bryan and Michelle Hughes on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Hughes, on June 10.

Happy Birthday This Week

Kaci Bailey - June 12
 Enrique Martinez - June 12
 Lillian Dees - June 15
 Nathan Dillinger - June 15
 Lee Clark - June 17

Dates To Remember

- **June 16** Community Cupboard this Thursday
- **June 19** Potluck
- **June 19-24** Camp Zenith @ Oklahoma Christian University
- **June 25** Car Show at DCCOC
- **June 29** The Real Scoop - Ice Cream in the Park, 6 PM
- **July 6-8** Vacation Bible School
- **July 9** Family Fun Day, 11 AM - 2 PM
- **July 11-15** DCYG HS Mystery Trip
- **July 18-21** Day Camp at Camp Rock Creek
- **July 28-29** DCYG Float Trip
- **July 31** 5th Sunday Singing
- **Aug. 6** Back to School Bash
- **Aug. 10** Picnic in the Park, 6 PM
- **Aug. 11-13** National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- **Sept. 24-25** DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

6/5 Worship Attendance.....	179
6/5 Bible Class Attendance.....	117
6/5 Contribution	\$21,154.73
YTD Regular Contribution	\$330,417.79
Weekly Average	\$14,365.99
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58
5th Sunday Special Collection	\$5,501.22



THIS Wednesday!

Garden

Assist in the garden with projects like pulling weeds, beautifying the park, and helping prepare for this week's giveaway. Meet at the garden area at 6 PM. Contact Donna Capper for more info at (405) 305-7268.

Latham Residence

Help with yard work and improvement projects at the home of Juanita Latham. Meet by 6:30 PM at 2213 Epperly Drive in Del City OR if you need a ride, meet at the FLC. The Van leaves at 6 PM. If you are unable to meet at that time and want to participate, contact Mecó at (405) 850-1727 for instructions on where to meet the group at a later time.

Regional Food Bank

We have a group headed to the Regional Food bank. Meet at 6:15 PM at 3355 S. Purdue in OKC OR if you need a ride, meet at the FLC. The van leaves at 6 PM. If you are interested in participating in future food bank opportunities, sign up at Connection Point in the lobby or contact the office.

Visitation

Contact Melvin Thompson at (405) 606-9253 if you are interested in visiting new residents in Del City and sharing the love of Jesus.

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Welcome To Our
 Sunday Morning
 Family Worship
 June 12, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

Order of Worship

Song #38, *Awesome God*Tim Holt
 WelcomeTim Holt
 Song #578, *We Will Glorify*Tim Holt
 Song, *Only A Holy God*.....Tim Holt
 Song #778, *Be With Me Lord*.....Tim Holt
 Prayer.....Jack Cooper
 Song #313, *The Old Rugged Cross*Darrel Sullivan
 Communion.....Rob Weaver
 Song #276, *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*.....Tim Holt
 Offering.....Rob Weaver
 Scripture Reading, *James 1:2-12*Aaron Rhodes
 Song #648, *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*Tim Holt
 Message, *Thankful Even for Trouble*Jeff Gardner
 Song #911, *Bring Christ Your Broken Life*Darrel Sullivan
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 PrayerChad Barney
 Song #559, *The Joy of the Lord*.....Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Summer of Service	6:00 PM
Thursday	
Singing Class	6:30 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
 For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.