

James 4:7-8a – Drawing Near to God Part 1

- James not only _____ us to test our faith, he describes _____ to test our faith.
 - Why does he call us to do this? _____
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- James 4:7-10 is, in essence, a call to salvation.
 - This is a list of commands issued as a _____.
- The ten commands we see:
 - Submission (v. 7a)
 - Resistance (v. 7b)
 - Fellowship (v. 8a)
 - Cleansing (v. 8b)
 - Purification (v. 8c)
 - Misery (v. 9a)
 - Sorrow (v. 9b)
 - Tears (v. 9c)
 - Seriousness (v. 9d)
 - Humility (v. 10)
- The intention of this list is twofold:
 - Unbelievers – _____
 - Believers – _____
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- How do we know that the emphasis is on the unbelievers?
 - _____
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 - v. 8 – “sinners” is only used to describe unbelievers.

- Greek word: hamartolos literally means _____
- These ten commands are not to be understood as _____ to salvation.
 - Instead, they are to be understood as what comes with salvation – _____.
 - **Remember** the indicative and the imperative from a few weeks ago:
 - Indicative: You are in Christ and have the mind of Christ . (Phil. 2)
 - Imperative: Because of this, obey Christ.
 - In summation: We are _____ Christ because of _____ in Christ.

SUBMISSION (v. 7a) – “Submit therefore to God;”

- What comes to mind when you consider the word “submission?”

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- Greek word for submit: hypotassō. This is a _____ term literally meaning “to rank under.”
 - This indicates a _____ action.
- Where else in Scripture do we see a call to submission? _____

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- What does it mean to submit to God? _____

- When we are saved, we trust Jesus as _____ and _____.
 - **SEE SANCTIFICATION CHART DOCUMENT**

RESISTANCE (v. 7b) – “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

- Greek word for resist: anthistēmi. This literally means _____.
- Standing with God means we must _____
 - If a worldly idea opposes Scripture, we must _____ that thought and _____ it.

■ How?

- Take the thought _____ (2 Cor. 10:5)
- _____ the thought (Phil. 4:4-9)
- Remember who we were (Eph. 2:1-3) versus who we are (Eph. 2:4-10).
- Why might someone try to mold Scripture to the world? _____

- Things we receive when we resist the devil and come under God's authority:
 - A change of _____
 - A change of _____
 - A change of _____
- How does the devil flee? _____
 - Consider Matthew 4:11
 - He will flee if we are _____.

■ 1 John 5:18-20

FELLOWSHIP (v. 8a) – “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

- With _____ comes the desire for a true _____.
- What was the purpose of the OT priests? _____

- Ex. 29 describes the lengthy process of _____.
- They did this so they could _____.
- How are we able to be near to God today? _____
- The OT describes the person who draws near to God as _____ and _____.
- Is. 29:13 – What is keeping these people from drawing near to God ?
- _____
- Evidence of a _____ heart is desire for _____ with God.

