

## James 5:19-20 – Saving a Soul from Death

- James's primary purpose was to confront nominal believers with their \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
- This letter has an \_\_\_\_\_ emphasis.
  - However, this evangelism was designed to reach false believers in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The multiple faith tests presented throughout James's letter:
  - Chapter 1 – How do you deal with trials and temptations? How do you respond to God's Word?
  - Chapter 2 – How do you respond to God's people? Do good works accompany your faith?
  - Chapter 3 – How do you handle your tongue? Do you follow the wisdom of the world or God's wisdom?
  - Chapter 4 – How do you handle conflict in the body of Christ? How do you respond to God's will?
  - Chapter 5 – How do you handle your wealth? Do you face trials with difficult people patiently? How is your prayer life?
- These last two verses recall Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ in the last part of His Sermon on the Mount.
  - Matthew 7:21-23
- In our verses tonight, James issues a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He pleads with \_\_\_\_\_ believers to evangelize those in the church with dead faith.
- How can we evangelize people who are already in the church?
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- Why is active participation in the church community important for what is instructed in this passage to work properly?
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### THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR FRUIT (OR LACK THEREOF)

- “My brethren”
  - There is no connecting link to the previous passage (vv. 13-18). This shows a \_\_\_\_\_ thought.
    - vv. 13-18 discuss restoring \_\_\_\_\_ believers.

- vv. 19-20 discuss reconciling the \_\_\_\_\_ to God and the Church.
  - “among you”
    - These people are in the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - James 1:22-25
  - “strays”
    - Greek is  $\text{p}\lambda\alpha\nu\alpha\omicron$ . It means “to apostatize” and is frequently used to describe deserting the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - It is often used to describe the \_\_\_\_\_ of the unsaved.
        - Titus 3:3 - For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
  - “the error of his way”
    - What are earthly/temporal results if you reject the truth? \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
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    - If you reject God’s Word, then you reject the principles of godly living, and then reject the only power for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “sinner”
    - This word is always used in the Bible to describe the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - This is a word that \_\_\_\_\_ the person.
    - The three keys to identifying these people are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Even then, it is not foolproof!
  - Those of us with genuine faith are called to \_\_\_\_\_ this group.

**THE THREAT OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT**

- The threat should be our \_\_\_\_\_ to evangelize this group of people.
  - Rev. 21:8 - But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.

- Jesus spoke more of \_\_\_\_\_ than of heaven during His earthly ministry.
  - It doesn't matter if the way \_\_\_\_\_ to the person.
    - Prov. 14:12 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
  - Hebrews 10:26-29
    - What is the warning in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_
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### THE INSTRUMENT IS YOU

- Like evangelism, this task is assigned to all believers, not just the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Start with the idea that you are dealing with a believer who is struggling with a sin which has created \_\_\_\_\_ between them and God, and then share the gospel with them!
  - Sin breaks \_\_\_\_\_ with God which is why it is necessary to take care of it as soon as the Holy Spirit convicts you.
  - Unrepentant sin left \_\_\_\_\_ will lead to lack of desire for the things of the Lord such as church attendance, fellowship with the saints, Bible reading, prayer, service, etc.

### THE GOAL OF WINNING A BROTHER/SISTER

- “turn him back”
  - Greek is *epistrephō*. It is used in the NT to speak of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Acts 3:19 - Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.
- “save”
  - Greek is *sōzō*. James uses it 4 times to refer to \_\_\_\_\_. He uses it once (5:15) to refer to the restoration of \_\_\_\_\_ believers.
- “multitude of sins”
  - Psalm 32:1 - Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
  - Psalm 85:2 - You forgave the inquiry of your people; you covered all their sin.
  - Only Christ's death can provide \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.
  - Proverbs 11:30 - The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.
- Aim
  - Look prayerfully at the evidence of a brother/sister you suspect is straying from the truth.

- Recall your motive! This is coming from a heart that loves this person and cares about their eternal state. It is a matter of life and death.
- Ask yourself if you are able to speak into their lives rightly. Are you “one who is spiritual” as Paul says in Gal. 6:2? (If you want more direction, consider the Checklist for Rebuke.)