

Grace Bible Chapel
Grace Women's Study – Lesson 1
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Introduction to the Book of James

Introduction: _____

James 1:1 – *James a Bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.*

- **Who wrote the Book of James?** _____

- **To Whom is it written?** _____

- **What are the circumstances?** _____

- **What is the purpose of this writing?** _____

Key Verse – *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves"* (James 1:22).

Key Term - “My Brethren” is used eleven times – three also include “beloved” – or “My Beloved Brethren.” This terminology shows the exclusive nature of which James is portraying belonging to those with true faith.

- Does James’s writing theme have parallels with other Scripture passages?

- What is a general outline of the book?

SALUTATION (1:1)

- A. TRUE FAITH OVERCOMES TRIALS (1:2-18)
- B. TRUE FAITH RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD (1:19-27)
- C. TRUE FAITH REMOVES SOCIAL DISTINCTIONS (2:9-13)
- D. TRUE FAITH IS DEMONSTRATED BY WORKS (2:14-26)
- E. TRUE FAITH RENDERS SELF-CONTROL (3:1-18)
- F. TRUE FAITH IS NOT ENTANGLED IN WORLDLINESS (4:1- 5:12)
- G. TRUE FAITH RESORTS TO PRAYER (5:13-18)

- Reflection Questions for Discussion:

1. Does the fact that James is the half-brother of our Lord add to his authorship?
2. Is there a reason or reasons identified in the text for James to write to the dispersed Jews?
3. Does any of this letter appear to have anything to do with women?
4. Do you think that James is too harsh in his writing?
5. What is the main theme that James is attempting to communicate?
6. How does this writing match with the doctrine of salvation by grace?
7. What part of salvation (justification, sanctification, or glorification) is James primarily focused and why?
