

JAMES STUDY

CHAPTER 1:19-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Receiving the Word of Truth”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
- deceiving yourselves.

INTRODUCTION: To The Text

vv. 19-21

19 Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; **20** for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Summation Sentence

Verses 19-27

are made of three divisions

“Receiving the Word of Truth”

vv. 19-21

“Practicing the Word of Truth”

vv. 22-25

“Sharing the Word of Truth”

vv. 26-27

In these three divisions, James sets forth before the believer a series of tests, examinations really, that confirms or denies the fact that we are truly believers who have become followers

Jesus Warned Against Spectator Christianity

Luke 6:44

"For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

Jude Warned Against Spectator Christianity

Jude 1:12

These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

By the way,
*do you know what you call believers
who have become followers of Christ?
- Christians!*

You can be a believer in God and
you can say that you follow Christ...
but until you take your belief and put it into action,
in day-to-day living, - you'll never be a Christian

The fact of the matter is
you'll wind up missing heaven by about 18 inches
(the distance between your head and your heart)

Religion among men is of the head - Relationship with God is in the heart.
One talks about it - The other does it

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
- deceiving yourselves. (In the heart)

Matthew 7:22

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Spiritual Deception

will take, or has taken already, the vast majority of humanity to the grave!

“Receiving the Word of Truth”

1.) The Word of God Produces Our New Life

vv. 19

Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear,
slow to speak, slow to wrath;

1a.) By Recreating Us in Christ

vv. 19a

Therefore, my beloved **brethren**

Verse 18

“Of His own will He brought us forth
by the word of truth, that we

1b.) By Instructing Us about Christ

vv. 19

Let every man be **swift to hear**

7 times in the Revelation

Revelation 2:7a

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

* swift to hear grk 5036 tachus (takh-oos');
positioned and eager to receive. To turn the head as to hear better,
to understand more.

Like a mother to her babies cry

It's a discernible way of hearing

Mark 4:24 NIV

"Consider carefully what you hear,"

This is so important
that God made us with 2 ears and just 1 mouth

We are to listen twice as much as we speak

The Word of God Produces Our New Life

1c.) By Making Us Like Christ

vv. 19c

Slow to speak, slow to wrath;

This is so much like the nature of Jesus Christ
When you look at the Word - You're Looking at Jesus

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Love **(Jesus)** suffers long and is kind; love **(Jesus)** does not envy; love **(Jesus)** does not parade itself, **(Jesus)** is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, **(Jesus)** does not seek its own, is not provoked, **(Jesus)** thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but **(Jesus)** rejoices in the truth; 7 **(Jesus)** bears all things, **(Jesus)** believes all things, **(Jesus)** hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love**(Jesus)** never fails.

Romans 8:29a

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn

It's hard to
"Receive the Word of Truth"
when your mouth is always moving

- The words we use
- How we use them
- What we desire to accomplish with the words we use

"Receiving the Word of Truth"

2.) The Word of God Directs Our New Life

vv. 20

For the wrath of man
does not produce the righteousness of God.

The Word of God Directs Our New Life

2a.) By Showing us a More Excellent Way to Live

vv. 20a

For the **wrath** of man

If a man is slow to hear and swift to speak,
he will naturally be swift to wrath

* **wrath** grk 3709 orge (or-gay');
a seething human anger, human indignation, a burning human
vengeance.

A slow, seething anger
that schemes and plans vengeance

“I don't care if it takes me the rest of my life - I'll get him - if
it's the last thing I do”

It is of Demonic Origins - The Fallen Human Nature

Matthew 16:23

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not
mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

A “Subcutaneous” Wrath

which will deceive you

At the end of the age

God will take man's actions, the governments, each individual, our judges

Psalm 76:10

Surely your wrath against men brings you praise,

Genesis 18:25b

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (righteously)

In His wrath - there's love

God's Love is Rarely Understood

Perfect Love Instructs, it Directs, it Guides, it Provides,
it disciplines, it rebukes, it corrects, it judges

The Word of God Directs Our New Life

2b.) By Displaying to Us the Proper Motivation

vv. 20b

Does not **produce** the **righteousness** of God.

Man's Wrath cannot produce Righteousness
It cannot, has no ability or power to, is incapable

The Pulpit Pounder, Sin Sniffer, Fault Finder

1. The Love of God is
2. Revealed by the Word of God which
3. Shows us the Salvation of God

In the Gospels, who was attracted to Jesus the most -
the broken sinner or the self-righteous Pharisee?

Luke 15:1-2 KJV

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

"Receiving the Word of Truth"

3.) The Word of God Develops Our New Life

vv. 21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the **implanted** word, which is able to save your souls.

3a.) Because we've Renounced our Lives of the Past

vv. 21a

Therefore lay aside **all filthiness** and **overflow** of wickedness

Therefore lay aside

That sounds so nice and sweet, doesn't it?

* filthiness grk: dirty, gross filth, wax in the ear. that which is void of morality

Having wax in the ear

Lay aside the wax that's in your ear

Unable to hear so as to correct your course because of the wax in the ear

Hebrews 5:11b

it's hard to explain things to you, since you have become dull (fat in your ears) of hearing.

Matthew 13:15-16

For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' ¹⁶ "But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

* overflow grk 4052 perisseuo (per-is-syoo'-o);
to super amount, to the point of excessiveness. More than what's expected

James 1:21a NIV

get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent.

The thought is:

**A tank that is overfilled and spewing forth out
of an opening**

Resist It / Pray against / Vote against

Hebrews 12:2-4

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

Not Being Deceived

Matthew 7:15-23

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

2 Corinthians 4:2 NIV

and now, we have renounced secret and shameful ways of the past;

Colossians 3:5-7

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

**Our Politically Correct Society is
Theologically Offensive**

"In the name of tolerance"

You're a this & you're a that - live with it!

This is Hope

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

The Word of God Develops Our New Life

3b.) Because we possess the Power to become New

vv. 21b

And receive with meekness the **implanted** word,

“Receiving the Word of Truth”

IS INTERNALIZING THE BIBLE

* **implanted** grk 1721 emphutos (em'-foo-tos);
from 1722 and a derivative of 5453; implanted (figuratively): to be grafted in to --
causing germination after it has been grafted in to what once was foreign

Engrafted

Being grafted into the word, we become one with the word, then the word
reproduces in us its truth, which springs forth into right living

The Seed, The Word

Matthew 13:1-9

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ "And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. ⁶ "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. ⁷ "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. ⁸ "But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Jesus Compares the Word to Seed

the seed germinates - the Seed has power - the seeds will grow

Matthew 13:18-23

"Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who **received** seed by the wayside. ²⁰ "But he who **received** the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²² "Now he who **received** seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ "But he who **received** seed on the good ground is **he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**"

Go out to your driveway at home
You'll find a sprout breaking through the concrete

Silently / slowly - - but noticeably

The True Evidence of Salvation is fruit

Consider the Fruit that has come from the ministry of the Thief on the Cross.
Saved for a couple of hours at best - the untold millions who have had death bed conversions

A Changed Life

Manifested by various and noticeable characteristics of the new life

Which leads to winning souls

Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

Which leads to holy living

Romans 6:22

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Which leads to sharing possessions

Romans 15:28

Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

Which leads to deeper knowledge

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Which leads to good works

Colossians 1:10

that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Which leads to a worshipful life

Hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Engrafting - Implanting

ALL CHURCH NOTICE

let's begin today a scripture memory verse for the week

James 1:19

Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

John 15:1-8, 16

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.... ¹⁶ "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

For the Christian,

It is possible

for the enemy of our souls to trip us up by his trickery

But it is impossible

for the enemy to deceive us into walking away from Christ

Psalm 37:23-24

23 If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; 24 though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

“Receiving the Word of Truth”

The Word of God Develops Our New Life

3c.) Because we are Once and for All “New”

vv. 21c

Which is **able** to **save your souls**

* **able** grk 1410 dunamai (doo'-nam-ahee);
dynamite. to make possible: having the power to change or do.

**First, in verse 18, the word came to our ears
through evangelism.**

**Then, the word began to take root and grow in
verse 21a.**

**And now, the word of God is at work in us,
bringing us to the completed work of our
redemption**

**“Your souls”
the ALL of who you really are**

Have you ever been knocked out,
put under, or dreamed a dream?

Your body and your mind are in two different places at the same time

The Summary of Points, Application and Conclusion

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How to Expect to Get into Heaven