# WELCOME! **THE EPISTLE FROM JAMES:** A STUDY IN CHRIST, FAITH AND OTHER DOCTRINES



PART 1

#### James 1:1a

**James**, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ

-'James' is used 42 times in the KJV NT

-In all cases it is translated from the original Greek <mark>Ίάχωβος</mark>

Iakōbos [ee-ak'-o-bos] – Strongs G2385

-The same as **G2384** Graecized; Jacobus, the name of three Israelites: - James.

'**Jacob**' is used 27 times in the KJV NT -In all cases it is translated from the original Greek Ἰακώβ [as opposed to Ἰἀκωβος] Iakōb [ee-ak-obe'] – Strongs G2384

Additionally...

**G2384** (Jacob) – In **ALL** uses it is specifically referring to Jacob, the son of Isaac

**G2385** (Jacobus) – In **NO** use is it referring to Jacob, the son of Isaac

# James 1:1a

**lames**, a seruant of God, and of the Lord Iesus Christ, **[KJV – 1611]** 

# **lames** a seruant of God, and of the Lorde lesus Christ, **[Geneva – 1587]**

**lames** a seruaunt of God, and of the lorde lesus Christ, **[Bishops Bible – 1568]** 

**lames** the seruaut of God and of the Lorde lesus Christ **[Wm. Tyndale – 1525-1526]** 

**lames**, the seruaunt of God, and of oure Lord Ihesu Crist, **[John Wycliffe – 1395]** 

# James the son of Zebedee James the son of Alphaeus

# Matthew 10:2-3

Now the names of the **twelve apostles** are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his **brother**; **James the son of Zebedee**, and **John his brother**; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; **James the son of Alphaeus**, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

#### Acts 12:1–2

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

#### Acts 12:17

But he [Peter], beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto **James**, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

# 1 Corinthians 15:5–8

And that he [Jesus] was seen of **Cephas**, then of **the twelve**: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. **After that**, he was seen of **James**; **then of all the apostles**. And **last of all he was seen of me also**, as of one born out of due time.

Galatians 1:19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

**Galatians 2:9** And when **James**, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

**Galatians 2:12** For before that certain came from **James**, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

# Acts 15:13

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

# Acts 15:23

And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send **greeting** unto <u>the brethren which are of</u> <u>the Gentiles</u> in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

# **G5463** $\chi \alpha i Q \omega$ – chairō [khah'ee-ro]

A primary verb; to be full of "cheer", that is, calmly happy or well off; impersonal especially as a salutation (on meeting or parting), be well: farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy (-fully), rejoice.

# James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, <u>to the twelve tribes which are scattered</u> <u>abroad</u>, greeting.

# **Romans 3:28**

Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

James 2:24

Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified**, and not by faith only.

"In a word, St. John's Gospel and his first epistle, St. Paul's epistles, especially Romans, Galatians, and Ephesians, and St. Peter's first epistle are the books that show you Christ and teach you all that it is necessary and salvatory for you to know, even if you were never to see or hear any other book or doctrine. St. James' epistle is really an epistle of straw, compared to the others, for it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it."

Luther's Works, vol. 35, Word and Sacrament (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1960), 395-397

James	Paul
James 1:2-3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.	<b>Romans 5:3</b> And not only <i>so</i> , but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.	<b>Ephesians 4:14</b> That we <i>henceforth</i> be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, <i>and</i> cunning craftiness
James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.	2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

James	Paul
James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.	<b>Romans 8:23a</b> And not only <i>they</i> , but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
James 1:22	<b>Romans 2:13</b>
But be ye doers of the word, and not	For not the hearers of the law <i>are</i> just
hearers only, deceiving your own	before God, but the doers of the law
selves.	shall be justified.
James 2:5	<b>1 Corinthians 1:27</b>
Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath	But God hath chosen the foolish things
not God chosen the poor of this world	of the world to confound the wise; and
rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom	God hath chosen the weak things of the
which he hath promised to them that	world to confound the things which are
love him?	mighty;

# Titus 3:9

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

# 1 Timothy 1:4

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

#### James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all **joy** when ye fall into **divers temptations**; Knowing this, that the **trying of your faith worketh patience**. But let patience have her **perfect work**, that ye **may be perfect** and entire, **wanting nothing**.

James 1:12

**Blessed** is the man that endureth **temptation**: for when he is tried, **he shall receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

#### 1 Peter 1:1-9 [1-4]

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you

#### 1 Peter 1:1-9 [5-9]

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ve greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and **without reproach**, and it will be given to him. [NASB]

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

# John 7:37–39

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the **Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Luke 11:9–13 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall **be opened** unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that **knocketh** it shall **be opened**. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

#### James 1:6-8

But let him ask in faith, **nothing wavering**. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.** James 4:3

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

#### James 1:13-15

Let **no man say** when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted** with evil, **neither tempteth he any man**: But **every man is tempted**, when he is **drawn away of his own lust**, and **enticed**. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth **sin**: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth **death**.

#### 1 John 2:15–17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the **Father is not in him**. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world **passeth away**, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

#### Romans 8:12–14

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

# Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit...

and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

#### James 1:16-18

Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every **perfect gift is from above**, and cometh down from the **Father of lights**, with whom is **no variableness**, neither shadow of turning. Of **his own will begat he us with the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Romans 10:6–10 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

# 1 John 1:4–5

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**.

#### John 1:12–13

But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of** [the will of] **God**.

# 1 John 3:1–2

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it **doth not yet** appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

James 1:9-11 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the **rich man** fade away in his ways.

James 5:1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:26–29

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the **foolish things of the world** to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And **base things** of the world, and things which are despised, hath God **chosen**, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

**Matthew 6:28–33** And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, **O ye of little faith**? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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