

First Words:

A. Who wrote the book of James?

James 1:1a - James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. He was the _____ of Jesus and the _____ of Jude (**Jude 1:1**)
Mark 6:2-3 - And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

2. He came to faith after the _____
- **John 7:5** - For not even his brothers believed in him.
- **1 Corinthians 15:7** - Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

3. He became the _____ of the Mother Church at Jerusalem
- **Acts 15:13** - After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me... (See also **Acts 12:17**)

- **Acts 21:17-18** - When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. ¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

- **Galatians 2:9** - And when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

4. He considered himself a _____ of God and Christ
Greek "doulos" – One who belongs not to himself or herself but to someone else, to their Master (Lord)

B. Whom was the book of James written to?

James 1:1b - To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

1. It is written to _____ in the First Century
Acts 26:6-7 - And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, ⁷ to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king!

2. It is written to his _____
1 Peter 1:1 - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia Cp. **Acts 8:1-4**

3. It is written with a _____
• **James 2:1** - Synagogue
• **James 2:21** – Our Father Abraham
• **James 2:21** and **25, 5:11, 17&18** – Old Testament Allusions
• **James 5:4** – Lord of the Sabbath
• **James 5:12** – Jewish Oaths

C. Why was the book of James written ?

(The Greek word for faith, "pistis", is found 15X in James)

1. James writes to teach us that a faith that works is _____

• **James 2:19** - You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!
• **James 2:23** - And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. – See also **James 4:7-8**

2. James writes to teach us that a faith that works is _____

• **James 1:5** - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
• **James 5:15-16** - And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

3. James writes to teach us that a faith that works is _____

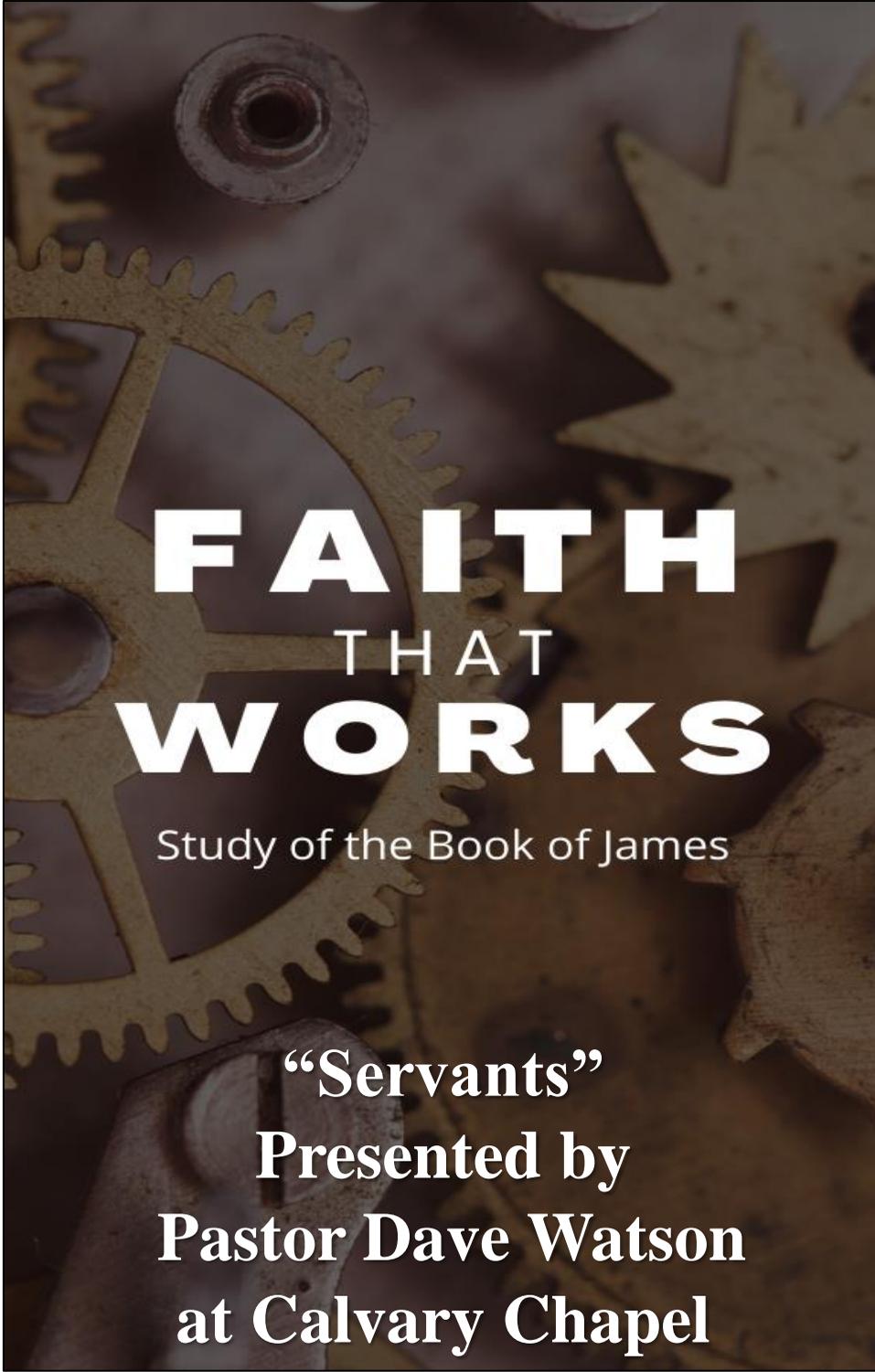
- **James 1:18** - *Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*
- **James 1:21 -22 & 25** - *Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*
- **James 2:8 & 12** - *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well...¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.*
- **James 4:11** - *Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.*

4. James writes to teach us that a faith that works is _____

- **James 1:4** - *And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*
- **James 1:17** - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. See also **James 1:25***
- **James 2:22** - *You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works.*
- **James 3:2** - *For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.*
- **James 5:11** - *Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.*

5. James writes to teach us that a faith that works is _____

See **James 1:1, 7, 2:1, 4, 10, 15, 5:4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14 & 15**



FAITH THAT WORKS

Study of the Book of James

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