

A Study of the
book of

James

Is your faith visible?

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2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

4 And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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5 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.

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Matthew 6

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

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9 But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position **in Christ**

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1. The lens of seeing ourselves in Christ

Ephesians 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him

5 In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses

9 He made known to us the mystery of His will

Ephesians 1

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance

11 having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will

13 In Him, you also...were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit

Colossians 3

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

1 Corinthians 1

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

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2. The lens of seeing our situation as the providential hand of God

Galatians 1

15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles

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3. The lens of seeing our lives in the light of eternity

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