Pastor Bill Butler April 23, 2017

INTRODUCTION TO THE LETTER OF JAMES

The Life of James

Matthew 13:55-56; Galatians 1:19; John 7:3-5 Mark 6:4; Acts 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

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James 1:1; Romans 3:28; James 2:24; Galatians 5:6 Philippians 2:5-7; Mark 10:43-45; James 1:5

Mary? And are not his James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?" Matthew 13:55
2. The Gospel According to Mark, written between 50 and 60 AD, recorded Jesus' rejection in Nazareth. "And Jesus said to them, 'A is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." Mark 6:4
3. Without the Holy Spirit breathing life into a person's soul, no preaching, or witnessing or miracles will that person of the reality of who Jesus Christ is.
4. The Council of Jerusalem recorded in chapter 15 of Acts took place in 50 AD, which was James wrote his letter. Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles around 62 AD.
5. James was convicted of heresy and stoned by the council convened by Ananias in AD. James' death preceded the writings of most of the books found in the New Testament.
6. The focus of James letter was not on how to a Christian but rather on how to live and advance in holiness. This involved the ethical implications of faithfulness in living out the gospel.
7. "James, a of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings." James 1:1
8. "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." Philippians 2:5-7
9. "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45
10. "If any of you lacks, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

THIS WEEK, April 24 - 30, 2017:

Tuesday: CareNet Annual Fundraising Banquet

6:00 pm, Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North

Wednesday: Music Practice, 2:00 pm, Joyce's home

Friday: Women's Bible Study - Why I Am A Christian

by John Stott, chapter 3 review

10:00 - 11:30 am, East Mountain Library

Sunday: Sunday Service & Building Fund Offering

10:00 am, LVCC

COMING UP IN MAY & JUNE:



"Thank you!" to these EMFP volunteers: Traylor Family, Myers Family- May 6th Semler Family, Joyce- May 20th

PLEASE help us to keep our commitment to this ministry by signing up at least once every quarter!



Women's Bible Study - *Why I Am A Christian* May 12th & 26th, 10:00 - 11:30 am, East Mountain Library

FAMILY CAMPOUT - June 2- 4, Manzano State Park. The group shelter area is reserved for tent camping and our Sunday

service. Parking fee is \$10/night per vehicle. Donations to cover the reservation fee are appreciated.



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