

James Chapter 1 Study Guide questions

1. Who was the probable writer of James? James half brother of Jesus
2. Why did the author speak of him as half-brother? Jesus' parents are Mary and God
3. Name some of the men called James in the Bible. James son of Alpheus and James son of Zebedee, Brother of John
4. Which James was killed soon after the resurrection of Jesus? James son of Zebedee
5. When did James, the brother of Jesus, become a Christian? End of Jesus' ministry...most likely after when Jesus appeared post crucifixion
6. Why was James chosen to be the head of the church in Jerusalem? Possibly because he was the brother of Jesus
7. What was different about the way Paul looked at Christianity, and the way James looked at it? Paul looked at from the spiritual/mystical point of view and Paul looked at it from the standpoint of the law.
8. Why was there this difference, really? Really there wasn't a difference...the only difference was who they were preaching to. Paul to gentiles and James to Jews
9. Why was James taught the Jewish law? His parents and he was Hebrew
10. Who was this letter addressed to? "Brethen" – Jewish Christians
11. Can the Christians value from it? Of course!
12. When was it written approximately? Before 62 AD, but probably as early as 49 AD
13. Who does James call himself in the first verse? Servant of God (Slave of God) and of the Lord Jesus Christ
14. Even though James was Jesus' half-brother, James still accepted Him as his _____.
Lord
15. Why had James not accepted Jesus as Messiah immediately? He was family. How hard would it be for you to accept your brother as messiah!
16. What advice did James give these believers about their problems? Count it all joy

17. Why should we joy in temptations? *God brings these tests to prove and increase, the strength and quality of our faith*
18. testing of your faith produces _____. *Perserverence*
19. How do we become a full Christian? *When we apply the instruction we learned to practical living*
20. How can we get wisdom? *Asking God for it.*
21. What is knowledge? *Accumulated learning*
22. Who should be our Teacher and Guide? *The Holy Spirit*
23. What two things should we grow in? *The Word and experience*
24. How are we to ask for wisdom? *Believing that we will receive it*
25. Those that doubt are like what? *Wave of the sea*
26. If thou canst believe, _____ . *all things [are] possible to him that believeth."*
27. What is double-minded speaking of? *Someone who believes in God but fails to trust in Him...someone who is unstable*
28. How are Christian brothers, rich and poor, alike? *both have the privilege of being identified with Christ*
29. What is our shortness of physical life compared to in verse 10? *Wild flower*