

The Letter of St. James

Introduction

Author

Who have scholars throughout the ages given preference to regarding the actual author of the letter?

Destination

Who did James write this letter to?

What are the seven Catholic Epistles and why are they called Catholic?

Themes

What is the main theme of this letter?

Chapter 1

What are the basic themes of the letter laid out in the first chapter? (Note 1:2-27)

Faith and Wisdom

What is wisdom? (Note 1:5)

Poverty and Riches

What is the problem with having material wealth? (Note 1:10)

Trial and Temptation

Does God temp? (Note 1:13)

What two types of hearing are distinguished in conversation? (Note 1:19-25)

What is the meaning of the word religion? (Note 1:27)

Chapter 2

Warning Against Partiality

How can the poor be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? (Note 2:5)

What is the relationship between judgment and mercy? (Note 2:13)

Faith Without Works is Dead

How does faith in action relate to our salvation? (Note 2:14)

What is saving faith? (Note 2:18)

How do the demons have intellectual faith but no works? (Note 2:19)

What is the meaning of justification? (Note 2:21)

Are we justified by faith alone? (Note 2:24)

Faith and Works -- Topical Essay

Is there a contradiction in teaching between Paul and James concerning faith, works and justification?

Chapter 3

Taming the Tongue

What are some examples of misusing the tongue? (Note 3:1–12)

Can use of the tongue be contradictory? (Note 3:9)

Chapter 4

Friendship with the World

What causes wars and fighting? (Note 4:1–2)

Why is friendship with the world a bad thing? (Note 4:4)

Warning against Judging Another

What is the difference between detraction and calumny?
(Note 4:11)

Boasting about Tomorrow

What is the sin of omission? (Note 4:17)

Chapter 5

Warning to Rich Oppressors

What is economic injustice? (Note 5:4)

The Prayer of Faith

What is the significance of anointing with oil? Note (5:14)

Word Study -- Elders

What is an Elder?

Should we confess our sins to one another or to a priest?
(Note 5:16)

The Letter of Saint Jude

Introduction

Author

Who is Saint Jude?

Destination

Who did Saint Jude address this letter to?

Themes and Characteristics

What is Saint Jude's appeal?

What is the deposit of Faith? Note 3

What is antinomianism? Note 4

What is the proper understanding when biblical writers quote from non-biblical works? Note 9

What are the three infamous sinners in the Old Testament that Saint Jude alludes to? Note 11