

JAMES  THE FRUITFUL CHRISTIAN

# BAC Quarterly Bible Forum

7:00PM FOR A 7:30PM START | TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2019  
BERWICK ANGLICAN CHURCH



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7:00pm - Doors open

7:30pm - James: The Fruitful Christian  
(Rev. Reece Kelly, Main Church)

8:00pm - Supper (Foyer)

8:15pm - Seminar A: Praying with the Book of Common Prayer  
(Rev. Ben Soderlund - Main Church)

Seminar B: Developing A Personal Prayer Life  
(Rev. Reece Kelly - MR1)

Seminar C: Bible Study Leaders Training  
(Rev. Wayne Schuller - MR3)

9:00pm - Closing prayer (Main Church)

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# The Book of James: The Fruitful Christian

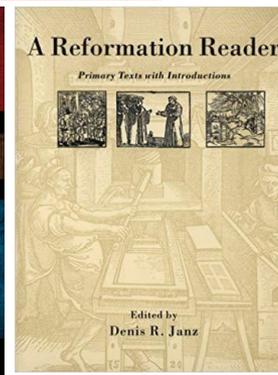
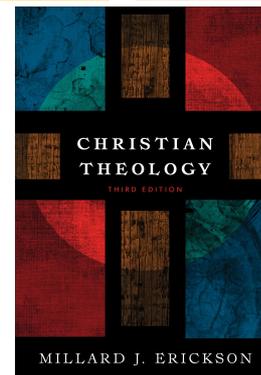
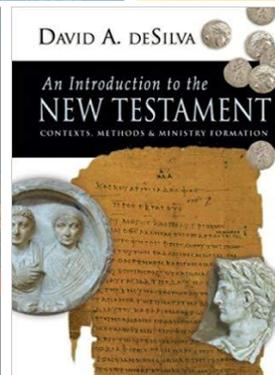
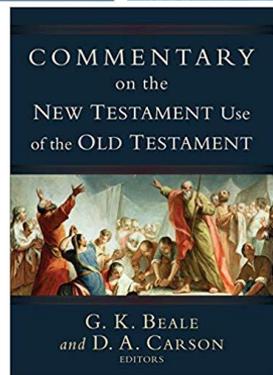
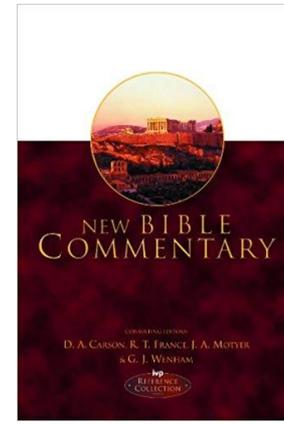
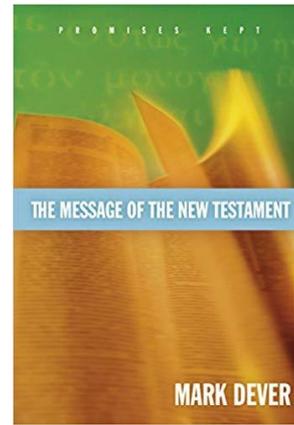
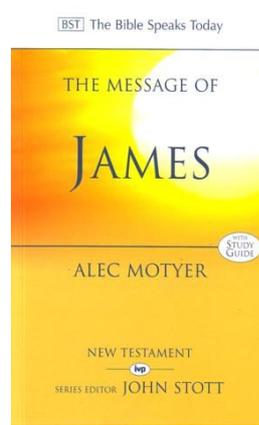
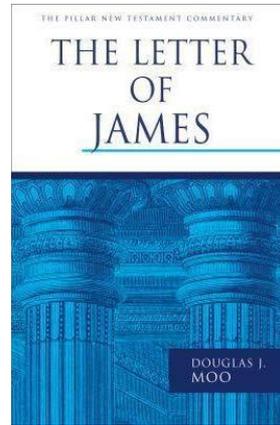
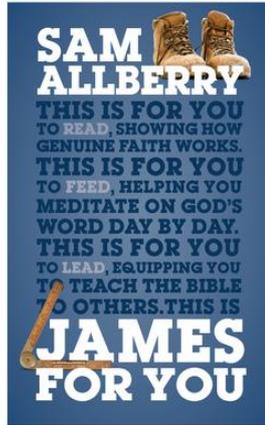
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# Resources and Further Reading



# Introduction

“St. James’s epistle is really an epistle of straw, compared to these others, for it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it.” - Martin Luther, *Preface to the New Testament* (1522, revised in 1546)

# Introduction

Jesus' name mentioned twice

Little mentions of Jesus' death and resurrection

# Introduction

Question: What does it mean for me to be a follower of Jesus, and how do I live like that?

# Interesting Facts about the book of James

James - the brother of Jesus

Letter addressed to Jewish Christians scattered abroad

Consists of short wisdom speeches full of metaphors and  
one liners

Not one main idea, all teachings have their own theme.

# Controversy in James

God



You

Faith or works? 2:14-26

Vertical question (question asked of God): How can I be saved?

Answer: by faith in Christ alone.

# Controversy in James



Faith or works? 2:14-26

Horizontal question (question asked about how to live together): How can I tell who has saving faith?

Answer: by how people behave in Christian community.

# Systematic Theology of James

Sin (James 1:13-15, 27; 2:10; 4:3-4)

The Immutability of God (1:17)

Church Community (2:4-5, 9; 5:13-20)

Salvation, (the new nature) (2:17-26)

The Holy Spirit (5:14-15)

Eschatology (End times, How Christians should live until Jesus returns)

(James 1:10-11; 2:12-13; 3:1; 5:1-6, 9, 12)

# Powerful Illustrations



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# The Book of James: The Fruitful Christian

— 10 timeless Christian myths —

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# **James 1:1-15 (Fruitful in Trial and Temptation)**

**Christian Myth #1: Trials are always bad**

## **James 1:16-27 (The Implanted Word)**

**Christian Myth #2: Half-listening to God is  
acceptable**

## **James 2:1-13 (Fairness and Fruitfulness)**

**Christian Myth #3: I can use others to meet my  
needs**

**James 2:14-26 (Fairness and Fruitfulness)**

**Christian Myth #4: Faith is only what I think**

**Christian Myth #5: Faith is only what I do**

# **James 3:1-12 (Fruitful Tongues)**

**Christian Myth #6: Sticks and stones...**

## **James 3:13-18 (The Fruitful Harvest)**

**Christian Myth #7: I can be wise, godly, envious and selfish...at the same time**

# **James 4:1-17 (Fruitful Humility)**

**Christian Myth #8: It's my life**

## **James 5:1-12 (Fruitful Patience)**

**Christian Myth #9: I control the decisions I make**

## **James 5:13-20 (Fruitful Prayer)**

**Christian Myth #10: Faith is a private matter**

# Conclusion

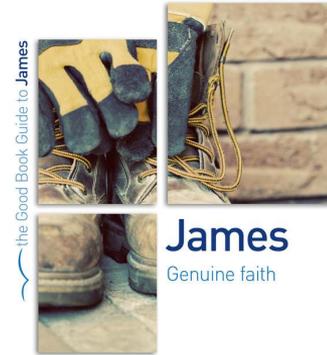
Help your Christian brothers and sisters.

Join a Bible Study.

Read the book of James every day this week.

Total read time, 10 minutes.

Get ready to be challenged!



6 studies by Sam Allberry

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