

Walk This Way
A Study of the Book of James
This is a Test

Introduction - **AUTHENTIC** Christians do not “fit” into this world’s culture but we can still enjoy life!

I. Are We Having **FUN** Yet?

- ✦ James’ life was not his own, but Christ’s
- ✦ Writing to the persecuted - James 1:1
- ✦ Internal and external trials (forces) that cannot be anticipated in type or time - James 1:2
- ✦ There is a reason; faith is victorious over sour attitudes - James 1:3-5
- ✦ Oh no! Second thoughts - James 1:6-8
- ✦ Ends of the spectrum/ life is short - James 1:9-11

II. Who Is At **FAULT** Here?

- ✦ The reward is life well lived - James 1:12
- ✦ Our going astray comes from within; desire to sin leads to death - James 1:13-16
- ✦ In contrast, God gives useful, perfect gifts without limit and pursues us to salvation - James 1:17-18
- ✦ Sin kills but Jesus saves/regenerates
- ✦ The right mindset:
 - Ask what, not why
 - Attitude reveals our condition
 - Trust God, not circumstances
 - Victory is possible in the darkest hours!

Conclusion - May we look to Jesus daily for He never **CHANGES!**