

faith that
WORKS
A STUDY IN JAMES

James 1:16-18



① Stop Being Deceived

1. This is a **Command**

2. This is **Written to Christians**



3. This is **Ongoing**

1. **Satan** Lies to us
2. **World** Lies to us
3. **We** Lie to us



② God is the Source of Everything Good

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1. God's Gifts are **Comprehensive**
 2. God's Gifts are **Good**
 3. God's Gifts are **Free**

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4. God's Gifts are **Perfect**
5. God's Gifts are **From Above**



6. God's Gifts are from the **Father of Lights**

a. Lights refer to **Creation**

b. Lights refer to **Moral Perfection**

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7. God's Gifts are **Unchangeable**
8. God's Gifts are **Common to All People**

5 Categories of God's Goodness





1. The **Physical** Realm

Acts 14:16-17 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”



2. The **Intellectual** Realm

Exodus 31:3-5 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.



3. The **Moral** Realm

Romans 2:14-15 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them



4. The **Societal** Realm

1. The **Creation** Mandate

2. Human **Government**



5. The **Religious** Realm

Romans 1:19-20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



③ God's Greatest Gift is Salvation



1. The **Origin** of our Salvation

a. God's **Will**

2 Cor 4:6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

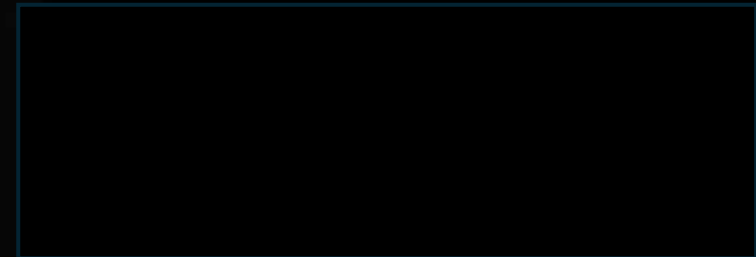
b. God's **Regeneration**

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved



2. The **Means** of our Salvation

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing & hearing through the word of Christ..





3. The **Result** of our Salvation

1. God is **Good**

2. God Keeps His **Promises**

3. God Gives **Life**

