



Syllabus

CHM 270: JAMES

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The book of James is a unique and fascinating epistle (letter), rich in topics of social justice and personal ethics. Considered a how-to book in Christian living, James is filled with practical advice on how to live a holy and moral life. In this course you will engage in a verse by verse study of James, examining the book's various spiritual themes and how they apply to your life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Discuss the historical issues related to this letter: date, authority, audience, purpose, style;
- Describe the spiritual themes of the letter;
- Explain the meaning of the text;
- Demonstrate how James applies to your life;
- Explain how James parallels Jesus' Sermon on the Mount;
- Quote three verses from memory: James 1:2-4.

REQUIRED READING

- The book of James from one of the following translations: ESV, NASB, NIV, NRSV, RSV.
- Study Guide: James: Putting Faith into Practice.
- Holmes, Jonathan "What Does 'Social Justice' Really Mean?" *Relevantmagazine.com*. Relevant Magazine. 6 September 2018. Web. 20 October 2018. This article is provided for you.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING (worth 55 points / 55% of grade)

- Study Guide Answers: After you have read the Study Guide and James' letter, you will answer questions that relate to each chapter of James. There are 55 questions. Each answer is worth one point.
- Assignment 1: Short essay responses (30 points / 30% of grade). In these six essay responses, you will demonstrate how James applies to your life. Each essay response must be a minimum of 200 words.
- Assignment 2: Similarities between James and the Sermon on the Mount (worth 5 points / 5% of grade). After reviewing the verses from James that parallel verses from the Sermon on the Mount, you will briefly describe the subject James and Jesus taught.
- Final Exam (worth 10 points / 10% of grade). This exam consists of true/false questions, matching, multiple-choice questions and scripture memory verses. This exam will help measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	55 points	55%
Short Essay Responses	30 points	30%
Similarities	5 points	5%



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Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%