

The General Epistles

Bonus Bible Study Questions

- How many general epistles are there?

- Why is James considered to be the earlier of the New Testament epistles?

- Explain the paradox attached to “count it all joy” in temptation.

- Why should Christians expect sufferings?

- Explain the meaning of “double minded”.

- What is the danger in a Christian becoming wealthy?

- Explain why it is important to see God as unchangeable.

- Why do most people get mad?

- Why must we show others mercy?

- What kind of works should we expect of one whose faith is “alive”?

- How is faith made perfect?

- Why will masters (or teachers) receive the greater judgment?

- Explain how envy can negatively affect a church group.

- What does “easy to be entreated” mean?

- What is the meaning of afflicted?

- How should one draw nigh to God?

- What is the best place for the phrase “God willing”?

- Describe which kind of rich man it is that James writes about.

- List three aspects of “the prayer of faith”.

- What special value is there in intercessory prayer?

- What indications are there to suggest that Peter was writing this epistle from Rome?

- Why is the trying of your faith so valuable?

- What was it that Peter understood about prophecy that many don't seem to understand?

- How have we been redeemed?

- Explain “born again” as it is used in this section.

- What is hypocrisy?

- Explain the term “spiritual sacrifices”.

- What is it that heals us?

- Explain the term “fervent charity”.

- Describe the two types of Christian suffering.

- Are there any works required of Christians? Explain your answer.

- What did Peter say that shows God wants us to change?

- Should Christians expect to encounter false teachers?

- What was Balaam’s sin?

- Describe “a common promise” you might expect from a false teacher.

- Why is God waiting so long before He deals with the wicked?

- How do we know that we know God?

- Can a Christian hate his brother?

- What is sin? Give a definition.

- Describe “bedrock Christianity”.

- Describe the conditions for receiving the things we ask of God.

- Should fear have a place in the Christian life?

- What do we “do” that tells us that we love God?

- Explain why 1 John 5:7 is a problem verse.

- What is a sin unto death?

- To which people should you not bid Godspeed?

- Why was Diotrephes’ behavior wrong?

- How have the heretics of the early New Testament era been a benefit to us today?

- What should you consider when people are “too easily offended”?

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