

THE BOOK OF JAMES
Pt. 1 - TRIALS
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In the book of Romans **Paul** was asking and answering that question, "**How is salvation received?**" And Paul's answer was always by faith alone. But to **James** the question is, "**How is salvation verified?**" And his answer always is, "By works alone." It is received by faith, it is verified by works.

Genuineness of something valuable is attested or affirmed through a process of examination and testing.

James 1:1-8 (NIV)

^[1] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

^[2] **Consider it pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you **face trials of many kinds**,

^[3] because you know that the **testing of your faith develops perseverance**.

^[4] **Perseverance** must finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete**, not lacking anything.

^[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

^[6] But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

^[7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

^[8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

2 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

^[3] His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

^[4] Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

^[5] For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your **faith goodness**; and to **goodness, knowledge**;

^[6] and to **knowledge, self-control**; and to **self-control, perseverance**; and to **perseverance, godliness**;

^[7] and to **godliness, brotherly kindness**; and to **brotherly kindness, love**.

^[8] For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

^[9] But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.