

# MESSAGE TO ALLIANCE CHRISTIAN CENTER

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June 23, 2024

- **Greetings**

# Quiz on Holy Spirit series

- **Names**
- **Titles**
- **Function**

# Share two life-changing insights for me this year

- **Discuss details**
- **Analyze and apply**

# James---Background, timing and context book was written in

- Acts 8:1 Now Saul was consenting to his death.
- At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.
- <sup>3</sup> As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

# James the brother of Jesus / Church leader

- **1 Cor 15:3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by <sup>[a]</sup>Cephas, then by the twelve.
- <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have <sup>[b]</sup>fallen asleep.
- <sup>7</sup> **After that He was seen by James**, then by all the apostles

# **Direct Approach-- hard hitting style**

- **James is straightforward in his instructions and admonitions.**
- **He doesn't use elaborate theological arguments but instead focuses on practical advice and moral imperatives.**
- **This directness makes his message very accessible but also quite forceful.**

# Insight number one –receiving the word

- **<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.**
- **<sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.  
James 1:19-21**



# Word of God's affect in our lives

- **2 Timothy 3**
- **All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for**
- **teaching,**
- **for reproof,**
- **for correction,**
- **and for training in righteousness,**
- **<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

# Sin is an issue after salvation? NT words

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# Being ready to receive the active and dynamic word of God

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James 1:21

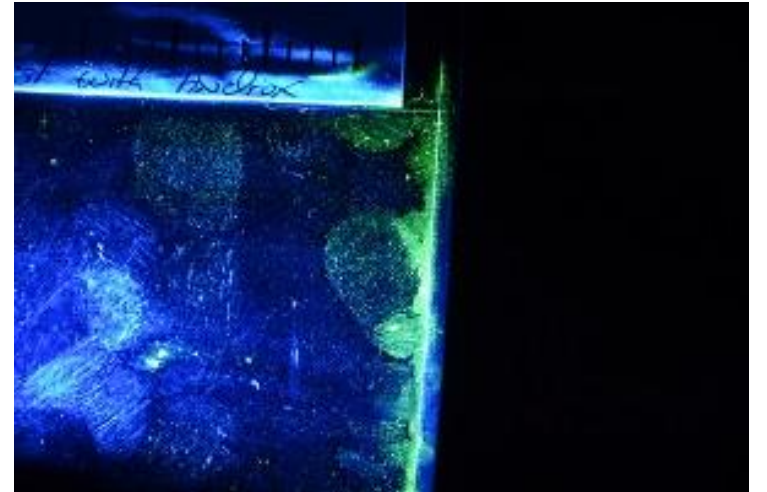


# Ready to receive—soil of heart cleared

- ARC=====Acknowledge, Confess, Repent
- **<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**
- I John 1:7-10

# Assessing and being assessed

- Psalm 139:23-24 KJV
- Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
- <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.
  
- Proverbs 20:27-28 NKJV
- The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the LORD,  
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.



**Receive with meekness the word**

# Psalm 51

- **Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,  
Blot out my transgressions.**  
**<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin.**
- **<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions,  
And my sin *is* always before me.**  
**<sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned,  
And done *this* evil in Your sight—  
That You may be found just <sup>[a]</sup>when You speak,  
*And* blameless when You judge.**

- **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
And in sin my mother conceived me.  
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,  
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.**
- **7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
8 Make me hear joy and gladness,  
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.  
9 Hide Your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my iniquities.**



- **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- **12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.  
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,  
And sinners shall be converted to You.**

- **Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,  
The God of my salvation,  
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.  
15 O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.  
16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;  
You do not delight in burnt offering.  
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,  
A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.**

- **Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;  
Build the walls of Jerusalem.  
19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of  
righteousness,  
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;  
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.**
- **Thank you, Lord for your forgiveness and your shower of  
cleansing**

# Not being calloused by sins

- **Hebrews 3:12-14**

- **<sup>2</sup> Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said:**

- **“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> insight for this year – Changed perspective

- 2 Corinthian 5:11, 14-16

- **<sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.....**
- **<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.**
- **<sup>16</sup> Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPjoEwUul14>

# God change our perspective to see others as you see them

- Psalm 126:5-6
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ad54bH-nQTM>
- **Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap in joy.  
⁶ He who continually goes [c]forth weeping,  
Bearing [d]seed for sowing,  
Shall doubtless come again [e]with rejoicing,  
Bringing his sheaves *with him.***

# Two insights

- Receive the word in a purified heart
- Adopt a God view of people and their eternal needs