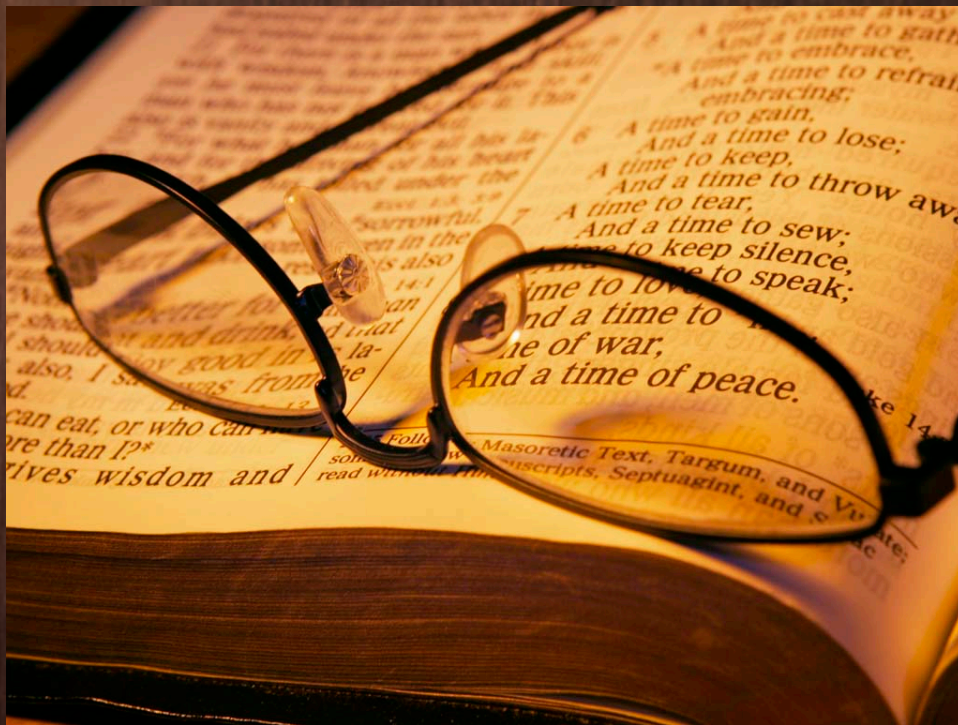


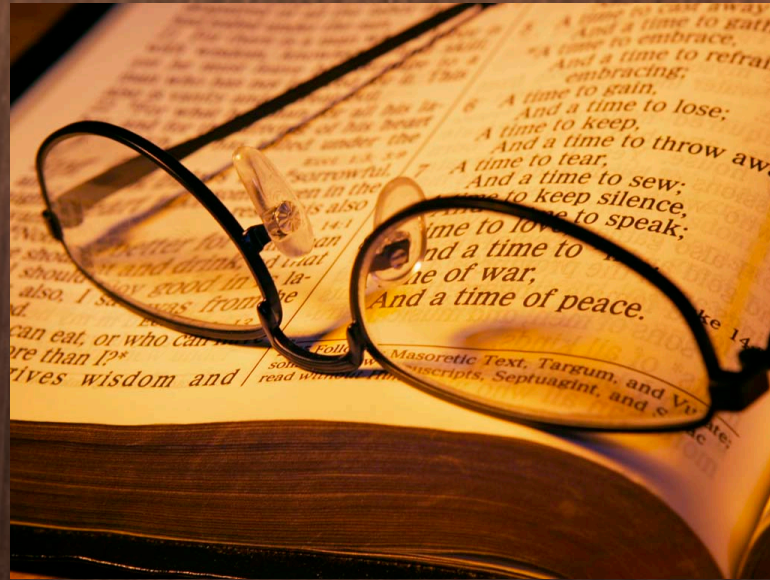
Be Ye Doers of the Word



***Thoughts
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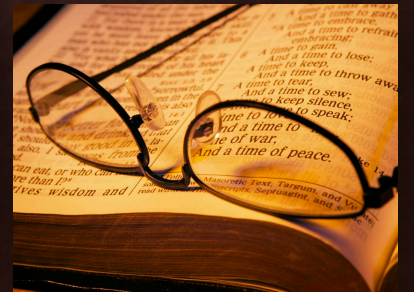




Radical & Different

James 1:27 KJV

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James 1:1 KJV

- 1) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, **to the twelve tribes** which are scattered abroad, greeting.



Exodus 29:15-25 KJV

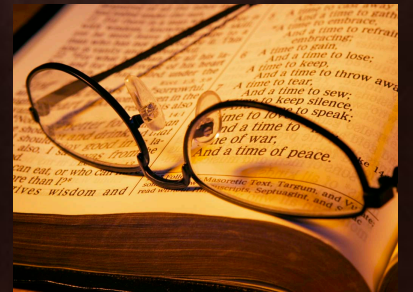
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Exodus 23:19 KJV

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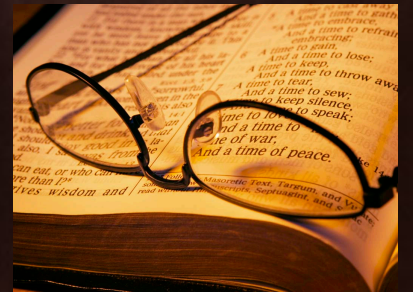
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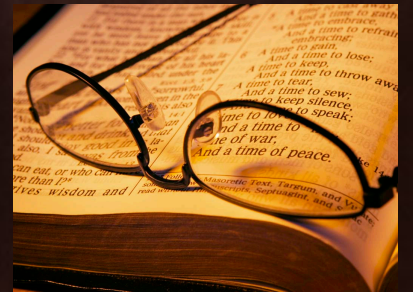
- Jesus was from Galilee
- Jesus wasn't one of the religious elite
- He chose “unlearned and ignorant men” as disciples

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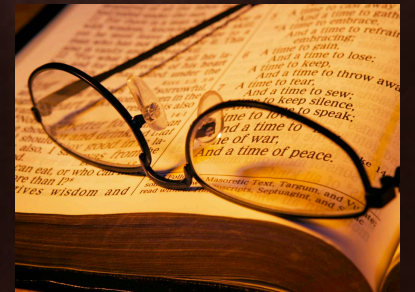
Religious Groups in 30 AD

- ESSENES
- ZORASTRIANISM
- SAMARITANS
- PHARISEES
- JEWS Influenced by the Greeks
- The party of the middle class



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- The Pharisees were preserving the Law
- In the process of trying to keep the Law **PURE**, they had **INVALIDATED** it's intent
- In the history of our religion we have done an **EXCELLENT** job of preserving the Truth



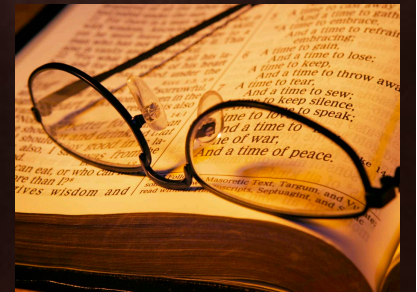
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PHARISEES

- Legalistic
- Exclusionary

JESUS

- Grace
- Inclusive



Purity & Acceptance

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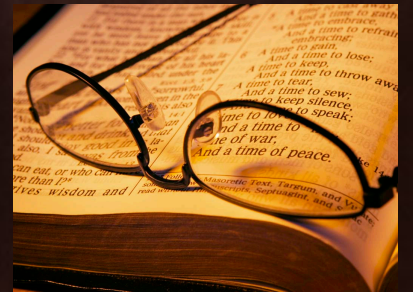
GRACE

- Striving for **DOCTRINAL PURITY** often excludes people
- Striving to simply **INCLUDE PEOPLE** often destroys the Truth
- **GRACE** is the solution



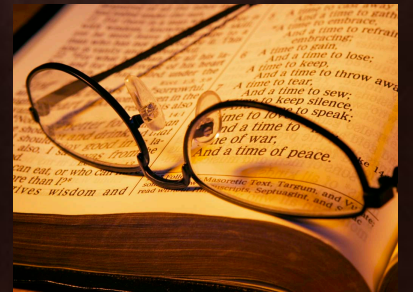
James

- Brings us to GRACE
- A Radical & Different way of looking at religion
- Real religion is all about living a simple, loving, Christian life



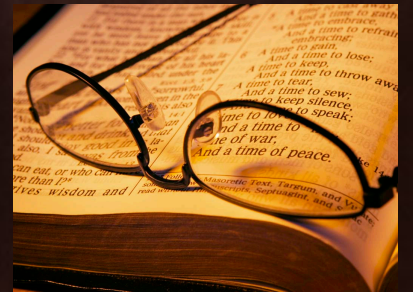
Pure Religion...

Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: **Reach out to the homeless and loveless** in their plight, and **guard against corruption** from this godless world.



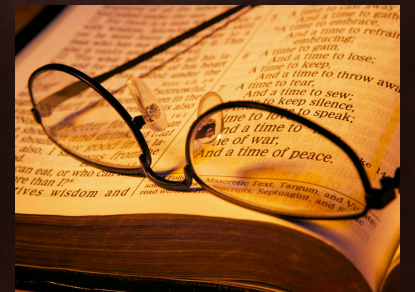
James is Radical & Different

- James is all about **REVERSING** your natural tendencies
- James goal is to **WAKE US UP**
- **WHY** we really are here, and **WHAT** we should be doing
- What is **IMPORTANT** and what is merely for **SHOW**



Ecclesial Life

- Ecclesias are NOT, as a rule, model communities of good behavior
- Ecclesias are places where we PRACTICE FORGIVENESS
- Ecclesias are places of GRACE



WISDOM

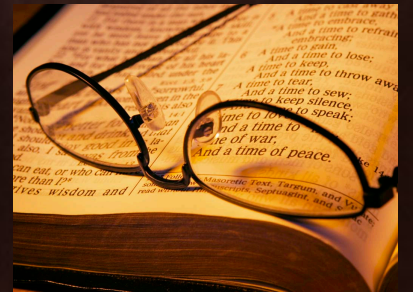
- Wisdom is skill in living the Truth
- What GOOD is having the Truth, if we don't know how to live it?
- BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD



James 1:22 NIV

22) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- James counsels us to **DO** the readings, not just “*do the readings*”



Transformation

- James clarifies the difference between **TRANSFORMATION** and **INFORMATION**

PRIDE

- Spiritual arrogance
- **Academics** without discipline avoids humility

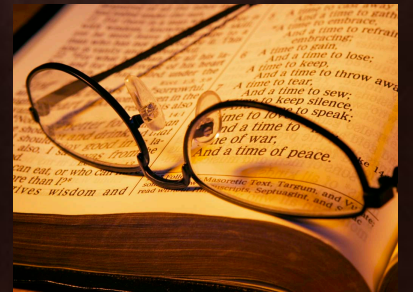
SELF-DECEPTION

- Appearance of spirituality
- **Reading** but not hearing



James 1:23-25 KJV

- 23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:
- 24) For he **beholdeth himself**, and **goeth his way**, and straightway **forgetteth what manner of man he was**.
- 25) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and **continueth therein**, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



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Faith & Works
Rules & Regulations
Effectual & Fervent
Bitter & Sweet
This & That**

