

Saving A Soul From Death

James 5:19-20

Review Of James

- Dealing With Temptations. 1:2-4
- Receive With Meekness. 1:21
- Fulfilling The Royal Law. 2:1-13
- Faith And Works. 2:14-26
- Taming The Tongue. 3:1-12
- Heavenly Wisdom versus Earthly Wisdom. 3:13-18
- Draw Near To God. 4:1-10
- God Gives Grace To The Humble. 4:6, 10; - 5:1
- The Prayer Of Faith James 5:13-18

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Importance of the responsibility.

- Jesus to Zacchaeus. Luke 19:10-11
- Jesus is the good shepherd. John 10:11; cf. 17-18
- Why? Because of love for the lost. Romans 5:8; John 3:16

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James 5:19

- “My brethren, if any among you **err from the truth**” ASV
- “Brethren, if anyone among you **wanders from the truth**” NKJV
- “My brethren, if any among you **strays from the truth**” NASU

The saving truth of the gospel. cf. verse 20

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The Wanderer Is A Brother In Christ.
 “My brethren...” Addressed to believers.

NOTE: A believer CAN “Wander from the truth.” (NKJV)
 cf. “Since Scripture teaches that once a person is regenerated he can never be lost, it may be assumed that this hypothetical wanderer is not a genuine believer. He would be one who had been among the believers and had made a profession of faith, but his profession had been superficial. To bring him to genuine faith is to save his soul from eternal death.” (Expositor’s Bible Commentary)

FALSE!!

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 cf. “We believe the Scriptures teach that such as are truly regenerate, being born of the Spirit, will not utterly fall away and finally perish, but will endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.”
 (The Hiscox Standard Baptist Manual)

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Hebrews 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **falling away** from the living God."

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1 Corinthians 10:12, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed **lest he fall.**"

Galatians 5:4, "Ye are severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; **ye are fallen away** from grace."

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Hebrews 6:4-6, "For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, **and (then) fell away**, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

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"My brethren, if any among you **err from the truth ...**"

The Gospel Of Salvation. cf. Ephesians 1:13

We must have the proper attitude toward the truth.

- The truth must be loved. 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- The truth must be obeyed. Galatians 5:7
- Paul manifested truth in daily living. 2 Corinthians 4:2
- Truth must be spoken in love. Ephesians 4:15

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- Truth makes men free. John 8:32
- Truth involves something we must do. John 3:21
- Must come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4
- Souls purified in obedience to truth. 1 Peter 1:22
- Must handle aright the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15
- Must walk in truth. 2 John 4, cf. 3 John 4

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Some do NOT have the proper attitude toward the truth.

- Change the truth into a lie. Romans 1:25
- Disobey the truth. Romans 2:8
- Walk contrary to the truth. Galatians 2:14
- Do not love the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- Jannes and Jambres withstood / resisted the truth. 2 Timothy 3:8

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*"My brethren, if any among you **err from the truth ...**"*
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Some do NOT have the proper attitude toward the truth.

- Turn away their ears from the truth. 2 Timothy 4:4
- "Wander" from the truth. NKJV James 5:19;
cf. Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path."

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How is the reclaimed wanderer saved from death?

Not saved from physical death.

- Physical death involves the separation of the spirit from the body. James 2:26; Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Samuel 12:23
- All die physically. Ecclesiastes 9:5; Hebrews 9:27
- One exception. 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

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How is the reclaimed wanderer saved from death?

Saved from spiritual death.

- cf. the Gentiles "dead" in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1
- cf. Adam and Eve. Genesis 2:16-17
- Consequences of sin. Ezekiel 18:20

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How is the reclaimed wanderer saved from death?

May save the "wanderer" from "the second death."

- Revelation 21:8; Matthew 25:41, 46; cf. Revelation 20:10; 13-15; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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"Shall cover a multitude of sins."

How are sins covered?

- Not through hiding. Proverbs 28:13, "He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy"
cf. Hebrews 4:13; Ecclesiastes 12:14
- Only through forgiveness. Psalms 32:1ff; cf. Romans 4:1-8; Galatians 6:1ff

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