

Title: The Believer's Character

Text: 1:1

Main Idea: God reveals in the example of His servant the godly character of a faithful Christian

Division Statements:

1. A faithful believer is marked by humility (v. 1).

Note: "bondservant" (δοῦλος) rather than referring to himself by another more noteworthy way.

2. A faithful believer is marked by sold-out submission (v. 1).

Note: "bondservant" again - δοῦλος, ου, ὁ of being in a servile condition enslaved, performing the service of a slave; figuratively, of unquestioning obedience, in either a good or bad sense subservient, enslaved, subject.

3. A faithful believer is marked by reverence (v. 1).

Note: The plain implication of the phrase "of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ" (θεοῦ καὶ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ), when combined with "bondservant."

4. A faithful believer is marked by love for his fellow Christians (v. 1).

Note: I take this truth from the simple fact that James wrote this letter "to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings." That address together with the contents of the letter reveal a heart of genuine love and concern for his fellow saints in the church.

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