

# Christ·ian·ly

***adjective & adverb***

**(a) adjective** characteristic of or benefitting a Christian; **(b) adverb** in a Christianly manner.

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James 5:12–20

Today what Christianity is is often confused and distorted. Imperfect people with imperfect beliefs and imperfect actions have caused many to look upon Christianity with contempt. But few people take issue with Jesus. While Christians are imperfect people, they follow a perfect Jesus. So, what does it really mean to follow Jesus? What does it mean to be a Christian. Join Vintage Church as we learn from the brother of Jesus, James, and discover what it means to live Christianly.

Now we've come to the end of our journey through James. After five chapters, James concludes by once again addressing how we use our tongue—speaking the truth, speaking to God, speaking to restore.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

James 5:12–20

**12** But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

**13** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. **16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. **18** Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

**19** My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, **20** let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

- Why does truth matter?
- Are you known for truth? Do you consider yourself a truthful person?
- What are ways we can speak truth? What particular way does James address?
- Why should prayer be our response to all of life’s situations?
- James tells us to confess our sin to one another. What is the significance of confessing sin to another person? Where is the power?
- Who do you have in your life that you can and regularly do confess sin to?
- James tells us to pray because prayer is powerful. Why is prayer powerful?
- Are you known for prayer? How would you describe your prayer life currently? In what ways can you strengthen it?
- James once again speaks to the power of truth, encouraging us to restore our brothers and sisters to truth. Why can it be uncomfortable to confront someone in their sin or error?
- In what ways do you see yourself responsible for your brothers and sisters within Vintage Church?

- How do you “bring someone back” from wandering? What practical steps should a Christian take?