

Crystallization-Study – Epistle of James

Its Lacks

Not Stressing the Divine Life

- James does not stress the **divine life** with which God has brought us forth in **regeneration** as the New Testament does.
 - James refers to the regeneration by God, but he only says that this rebirth was by the **word of truth**.
 - Peter speaks of regeneration, but he says that this was through the **living and abiding word of God**.
 - God's salvation **begins** with life, **continues** with life, and **consummates** with life.
- God has given the sinners **repentance** unto life.
- All the believers are God's **heirs** of the grace of life.
- God's divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life—concerning **life within** and **godliness in our living without**.
- God's grace in Christ enables us to **reign in life**, ruling over all the negative things that are against God and His economy.
- The Lord promised that the overcomers will eat the **tree of life**. The Triune God flows as a **river of water of life** in which the tree of life grows for the supply to the entire city of the New Jerusalem. **The tree of life is the greatest blessing**.
- The Epistle of James only refers to the divine life in speaking of the **crown of life** as a reward promised by God to His lovers but does not speak anything concerning the divine life to be the believers' life for their **spiritual existence** and the divine life's **capacity and function**.

The Epistle of James Not Telling Us About the Following Items:

- The divine nature
 - James does not tell us about the divine nature. We are **partakers** of His divine nature, so that makes us God in His nature but not in His Godhead.
- The hand of love of God the Father and the hand of grace of God the Son
 - The hand of God the Father is of love and the hand of God the Son is of grace.

- Love is the **source**; grace is the **manifestation**. When love is expressed, it becomes grace.
- The **unlimited fullness** of the Father.
- The elements of James's tremendous lack.
 - Without seeing a **clear vision** of God's eternal economy, without the **all-inclusive Christ**, without the **all-inclusive Spirit**, without the **divine life** that enables us even to **reign** over the things that are against God, without the **all-inclusive power of the resurrection of Christ**, and without the **all-terminating cross of Christ**, there is no possibility for anyone to live out Christian perfection (Christian living).
 - Christian perfection is produced **by** the believers with the rich element of all that Christ is, **by** the bountiful supply of the all-inclusive consummated Spirit, and **through** the power of Christ's resurrection and the death of Christ's cross.
 - The **goal** of God's New Testament economy is the **Body of Christ** (for the consummation of the New Jerusalem), at which the Christian living, Christian perfection, should be aimed.

The Epistle of James Also Being Devoid of the Five Following Critical Items

- The **union** and **mingling** of the believers with the Triune God.
- The believers being **joined** to the Lord **as one spirit**.
- The believers' **regenerated spirit**.
- The **discernment** of the believers' **spirit** from their **soul**.
- **Living** by the spirit and **walking** according to the Spirit.

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