

**James 3:13-16 New International Version (NIV)**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

**James 3:17-18 New International Version (NIV)**

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

**The Olive Tree and the Cycle of Church History**

**Implications**

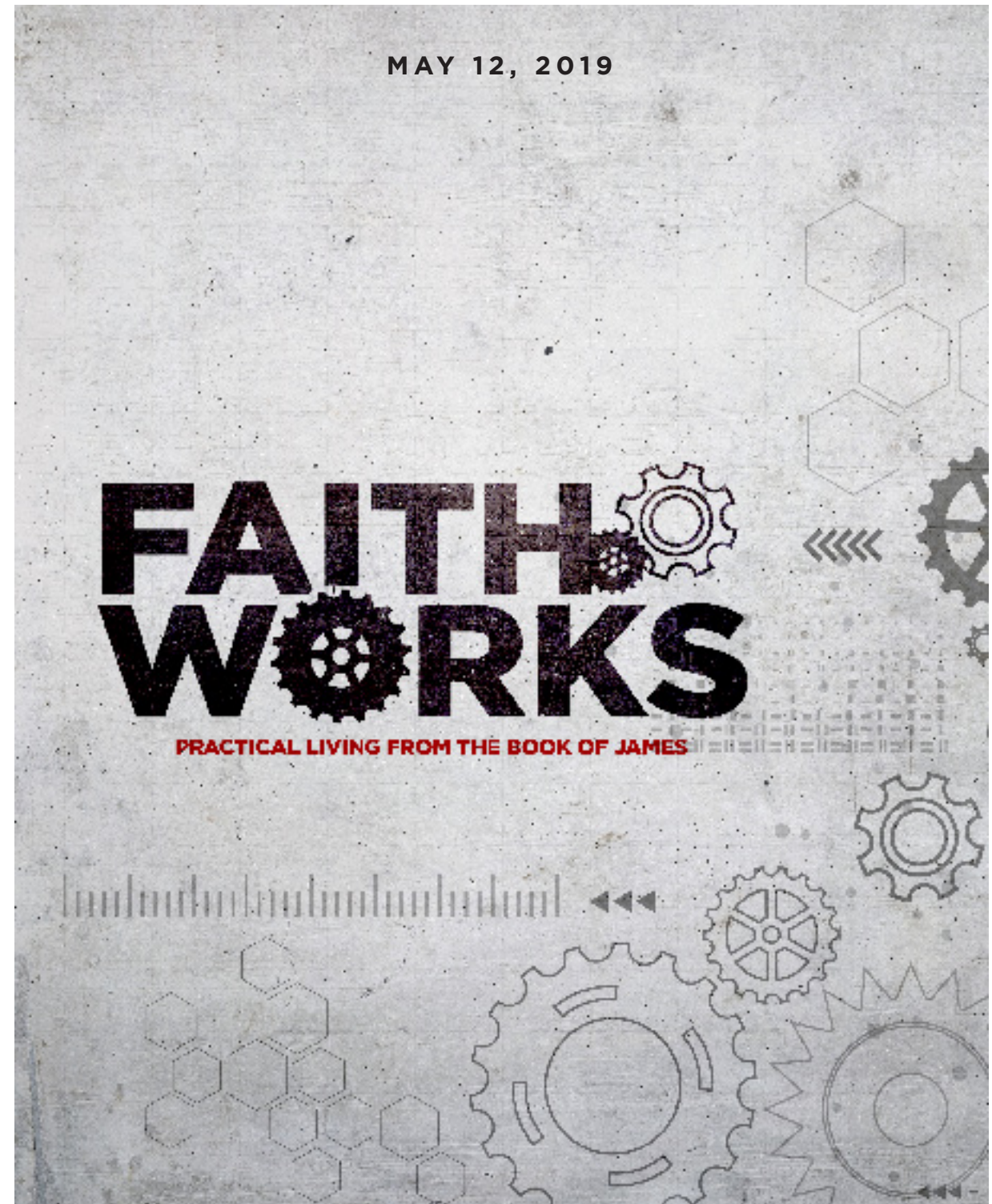
1. There is no reason to be hostile towards people who live out their faith in Christ differently than you do.
2. It is our lives lived out in humility in front of others that allows Holy Spirit to work on the hearts of those around us.
3. We do not have to give up our convictions about faith and the Christian life to work toward understanding how other people choose to live out their faith.
4. We must be open to the possibility that God has some new things that He wants to show us about Himself through how we see others living out their faith.

**Luke 9:46-50 New International Version (NIV)**

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

“Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”



## WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Welcome to Southeast Christian Church. We are a church full of people who are either growing in our faith or are just beginning to ask questions about God. Our desire is to start, grow, and love together as a community of imperfect people.

If you have a prayer request or any question about Southeast, you can fill out the card below, request info on the Southeast app, or talk to someone at the Guest Services desk.

## GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in joining a serving team, participating in a small group, or if you have any questions about Southeast, please go to the Connections Studio located just inside the main entrance. This resource is available to you on Sunday mornings before, during, and after the services. You may also send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org), so the Connections Team can help you find your place at Southeast.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the website or stop by the Guest Services desk in the lobby for more information.

**May 15 | Youth: City Youth Group**  
[southeastcc.org/students](http://southeastcc.org/students)

**June 2 | First Step**  
[southeastcc.org/first-step](http://southeastcc.org/first-step)

**June 5 | Women: Summer Series**  
[southeastcc.org/women](http://southeastcc.org/women)

**June 15 | Men's Breakfast**  
[southeastcc.org/men](http://southeastcc.org/men)

**June 18-21 | Vacation Bible School (VBS)**  
[southeastcc.org/vbs](http://southeastcc.org/vbs)

**June 24-28 | Middle School: Summer Camp**  
[southeastcc.org/mscamp](http://southeastcc.org/mscamp)

**July 15-19 | High School: Summer Camp**  
[southeastcc.org/hscamp](http://southeastcc.org/hscamp)

**August 11 | Elementary Kids: Baptism Class**  
[southeastcc.org/family](http://southeastcc.org/family)

**August 16-18 | Womens Retreat**  
[southeastcc.org/women](http://southeastcc.org/women)

**November 4-12 | Missions Trip:: Romania**  
[southeastcc.org/missions](http://southeastcc.org/missions)

## JAMES CHAPTER 3

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### **Ephesians 2:11-22 New International Version (NIV)**

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus **you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

For he himself is our peace, who has **made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility**, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. **His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two**, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### **Now the Question is, How do we do that?**

### **James 1:1 New International Version (NIV)**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
**To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:**  
Greetings.

### **James 3:1-2 New International Version (NIV)**

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

**Then the tongue - Watch what you say!**