

Sunday Morning | February 28, 2016



PRAYING A FRIEND TO HEAVEN

JAMES 5:19-20 (NASB)

INSIGHT: James' mission is to make sure no one on the roll of a church is deceived about their salvation.

TRUTH: James 5:19-20 is a call to evangelism "in" the Church.

I. THE EVIDENCE OF LOSTNESS - Pray their eyes will be opened to the Truth.

1. Wander from the Truth (v. 19).

TRUTH: The Truth is the Gospel of Christ.

INSIGHT: The first evidence of false faith is rejection of Gospel truth.

2. They go their own way (v. 20).

TRUTH: Lostness and corrupt living go together.

TRUTH: Sinner refers to someone who lives in sin (Matthew 9:13).

TRUTH: Sinner always refers to those outside God's family (1 John 3:8-9).

INSIGHT: We cannot read the heart, but we can know the heart by the life the heart loves.

II. THE THREAT FOR LOSTNESS - Pray they will sense the reality of hell as their future.

TRUTH: The first death is physical; the second death is eternal judgment.

TRUTH: Sins accumulate and increase the misery of hell (Romans 3:5).

III. THE AGENT OF RECOVERY - Pray you will be effective to speak to the heart of the lost (v. 19).