

Motive of the Faithful

James 1:2-8

Colander (to strain) – to clean, separate



God designed the world on same principle

- ❖ His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (Matt. 3:12 NIV)
- ❖ ² *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,*
³ *because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.*
⁴ *Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (Jas. 1:2-4 NIV)*

In a world of different churches and religions...

- ❖ How do we know?
- ❖ How does He separate?
- ❖ Faithful
- ❖ An interesting word. What does it mean?
- ❖ “Trustworthy, dependable”
- ❖ They stay with it. Stay with what?

Faithful

❖ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 7:21 NIV)

❖ *Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.*

² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. (1 Pet. 4:1-2 NIV)

Faithful

- ❖ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, (Phil. 2:5 NAU)
- ❖ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your true and proper worship.

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Rom. 12:1-2 NIV)

Faithful

- ❖ “The renewal of our minds is the outcome when we present ourselves to God as living sacrifices.”
- ❖ Sheep and goats