## St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church

Sunday School Service



Youth Bible Study Grades 9 - 12

### WEEK 3 – Romans – Chapters 15 to 16 & St. James' Epistle – Chapters 1 to 5

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DAY	Chapters	Verses	Titles
Sunday	Romans 15	1-6	+ Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles.
		7-21	+ Glorify God Together.
		22-33	+ Plan to Visit Rome.
Monday	Romans 16	1-2	+ Final Commendations and Greetings.
_		3-16	+ Greeting Roman Saints.
		17-24	+ Avoid Divisive Persons.
		25-27	+ Benediction (a short invocation for divine help, blessing &
			guidance)
Tuesday	James 1	1	+ Faith Works in Trial.
		2-8	+ Profiting from Trials.
		9-11	+ The Perspective of Rich and Poor.
		12-18	+ Loving God Under Trials.
		19-20	+ Qualities Needed in Trials.
		21-27	+ Doers—Not Listeners Only.
Wednesday	James 2	1-26	+ Faith Without Works Is Dead.
Thursday	James 3	1-12	+ The Tongue Cannot Be Tamed.
_		13-18	+ Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom.
Friday	James 4	1-6	+ Dangers of Pride, Judging, and Presumption.
_		7-10	+ Humility Cures Worldliness.
		11-12	+ Do Not Judge a Brother.
		13-17	+ Do Not Boast About Tomorrow.
Saturday	James 5	1-6	+ Danger of Riches; Patience and Prayer.
_		7-12	+ Be Patient and Persevering.
		13-18	+ Meeting Specific Needs.
		19-20	+ Bring Back the Erring One.

#### **Romans CHAPTER 15**

<ol> <li>St. Paul instructs those who are strong in the faith to be patient with those who are:</li> <li>a) also strong</li> <li>b) unfaithful</li> <li>c) lukewarm</li> <li>d) weak</li> </ol>
2. "Therefore one another, just as Christ also us, to the glory of God."
3. St. Paul wanted to preach the Holy Gospel to those who had not heard the name of the Lord Jesus
Christ. True or False?
Romans CHAPTER 16
1. Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause and offenses, contrary to the doctrine
which you learned, and them. Mention the reference
2. Name two people who "risked their necks" for St. Paul.
a) Priscilla and Aquila b) Phoebe and Aquila c) Andronicus and Junia
3. In St. Paul's personal greetings, how were the people named to greet one another?
a) with graciousness b) with warmth c) with a holy kiss d) with a handshake

#### The General Epistle of St. James

- Early Church tradition ascribes this letter to St. James, the "brother" or kinsman, of our Lord, known as James the Just. James the Just was martyred about A.D. 62
- St. James the Apostle, Bishop of Jerusalem, who was the son of Alphaeus, was martyred about A.D. 62 (Mat. 10:3) The Holy Bible mentioned his brothers, Joses, Simon, and Judas, the sons of Cleophas. (Mat. 13:55). The Greek word "Cleophas" means in the Syriac language "Alphaeus". His mother, the sister of the Virgin, was also called Mary and was the wife of Cleophas. (John 19:25)
- When he grew up he was known as James the Just. For there was a drought in Palestine and he prayed to God, Who sent the rain and watered the land, as Josephus, the Jewish historian, testified. He was called James the Less, to identify him from St. James the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. John the beloved.
- It was said that the Lord had appointed him bishop of Jerusalem when he appeared to him. "After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles." (I Cor. 15:7) He was called the head of the church in Jerusalem for it was the mother church and from it the Good News had spread to the other churches. He wrote a liturgy, with which the Armenians still pray.
- During his time and in the year 53 A.D. a Council of the Apostles and priests convened in Jerusalem and St. James presided over it. During this Council St. James said, "Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, "but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood ... " (Acts 15:19-21) St. James preached and taught the Name of the Lord Christ, brought many back to the faith, and baptized them. God wrought by his hands many signs and wonders.
- One day, many of the Jews came to him and asked him to tell them about the Lord Christ. They thought that he would tell them that Jesus was his brother. St. James went up to the pulpit, and began to explain to them the Godhead of the Lord Christ, His eternal existence, and His equality with God the Father. When they heard this they were wrath with him, they dragged him down, and beat him severely. One of them beat the apostle on the head with an iron rod, and he delivered up his soul instantly.
- It was said about this Saint, that he never drank wine, and never wore clothes, but always wore a linen loincloth, and that he kneeled so often during his worship and praying that his feet and knees became swollen, and the skin of his knees became like that of the camels.
- The major theme of the letter is "The harmony of faith and works". The letter has many direct parallels with the Sermon on the Mount.
- Unlike most New Testament letters, St. James does not address a particular Church, or a geographical region, but "the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad".
- In this letter, St. James uses his authority as bishop for spiritual discipline. He concentrates on rekindling true living faith and on the practice of repentance, trust, humility, patience, and self-control.
- We celebrate his feast on Abib 18<sup>th</sup>. May his blessings be with us. Amen.

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James CHAPTER 1				
1. "My brethren, count it all when you fall into various, knowing that the testing of your faith produces".				
2. The apostle says that "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from, and comes down from the Father of".				
3. Everyone must be quick to, slow to, and slow to				
(Store sales, shop, sleep / Pray, sin, disobey / Hear, speak, anger / Obey, disrespect, sin)				
James CHAPTER 2				
1. When a poor man comes to our church we should: a) treat him as a servant b) ignore him and pay attention to the rich people c) treat him well because he is also loved by God				
2. Who is called "friend of God"?				
a) any Christian b) the Lord Jesus Christ c) Abraham d) Rahab				
3. Reorder the words of the verse: my brethren - but does not have works? - he has faith - Can faith save him? - What does it profit - if someone says.				
James CHAPTER 3				
1. "Out of the same proceed and cursing". Mention the reference				
2. Heavenly wisdom is characterized by:				
a) envy and self-seeking b) confusion and evil c) purity, peace and gentleness  3. "Now the fruit of is sown in by those who make peace".				
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James CHAPTER 4				
1. "God resists the, but gives grace to the"				
2. Therefore, to him who knows to do and does not it, to him it is"				
3. Where else in the Holy Bible is verse 6 found? (Ezekiel 29:23, Ecclesiastes 29:23, Isaiah 29:23)				
James CHAPTER 5				
1. "But let your "Yes," be and your "No," lest you fall into"				
2. "Is anyone among you? Let him call for the elders of the and let them pray over him, anointing him with in the name of the"				
Mention the reference				
3. What is considered a sin according to this chapter?				
a) to do bad deeds b) not to do good c) both are considered a sin				