

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST May 23, 2021



There are at least two words (and there may be others) that are unique to James in the Greek New Testament. The two I have in mind both can be found in James 1:8. "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." The Greek word translated "double-minded" is only found in this verse and in James 4:8 in the New Testament. The Greek word translated "unstable" is only found in this verse and

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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in James 3:8 in the New Testament. Who wants to be unstable "in all his ways"? To avoid such, we must first understand what it is and its origin.

First, we can see that the unstable man is double-minded. This literally means "two-minded" or "split-spirited." I get the image in my head of the extreme tension and stress placed on a rope in a game of tug-of-war. The double-minded is the person who prays to God, but doesn't really believe God will answer. He is the person who assembles with the church, but he doesn't make application of the sermons. He is a "Sunday saint" and a "weekday sinner." James 4:8 indicates it is a heart problem.

Second, we can see that the unstable man is driven. He is "like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed." On a recent trip to the ocean, I was reminded of the unpredictability of the waves. Some waves seemed large yet would be calm once they reached the shore. Some others that seemed small could travel further inland and surprise the beach visitors. Furthermore, a twenty-four hour span could amount to a drastic change in the ocean's waves, wind, current, tide, and characteristics. James' use of the waves of the sea is a vivid illustration of the unstable man.

Third, we can see that the unstable man is doubtful. Incidentally, this is where it all starts. This is what causes him to be like a wave that is driven with the wind and tossed. This is what causes him to be double-minded. This is what leads to him being unstable "in all his ways." It is a heart problem. It is a heart that lacks faith in God's nature as a giver of good things (James 1:5, 17). It is a heart that lacks faith in God's willingness to answer our prayers (James 1:5). It is a heart that lacks faith in God's faithfulness to bring us through trials, stronger than before (James 1:2-4).

Who wants to be unstable "in all his ways"? In the words of authors Vep Ellis & W.F. Lakey, "Where is your heart, O pilgrim? What does your light reveal? Who hears your call for comfort, When naught but sorrows you feel? Do you know my Jesus? Do you know my Friend? Have you heard He loves you, and that He will abide 'til the end?"

Mark Your Calendars:

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| Trade Days Booth | June 12 |
| Coldwater VBS | June 13 - 17 |
| Sardis Lake Christian Camp Session 2 | June 20 - 26 |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

GINNA Honeycutt; Mitchell Arnold; Wiley Tuggle; Noah Davis; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Nelson Rosado, hernia surgery scheduled for 5/26; **Gene Collums**, rehab following broken hip; **Perry Mansel, Billy Mansel, & Robbie Weaver**, Dana's cousins, diagnosed with cancer; **Bruce Angel; Scott Whitley; John Newham family; Jimmy Bland; Pauline Day; Rose Chambers.**

Birthdays

5/7 Aiyanna Meredith
5/9 David Angel
5/15 Andy Ratliff
5/18 Mitchell Arnold
5/25 Jarrett Davis
5/25 Davis Johnson

Anniversaries

5/15 Jason & Ginger Bayless
5/17 Joe & Leigh Anne Owen
5/31 Billy & Terry Bland

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12:15

Coldwater Harbor Meeting: May 23

MSOP Lectures: May 23 -27

Coldwater Singing Night: May 26, 7 PM

5th Sunday Service: May 30, 1 PM

Independence Gospel Meeting: June 6 - 9

Trade Days Booth: June 12

Sign up to help out!

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, May 23

Morning

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| Prayer Before Class | Jim Jackson |
| Announcements | Jerry Davis |
| Song Leader | Tim Wilkes II |
| Opening Prayer | Kevin Dixon |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper: | |
| Preside | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| | Jason Bayless |
| Assist | Andy Ratliff |
| | Dalton Owen |
| Closing Prayer | Billy Bland |

Afternoon

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| Song Leader | Tim Wilkes II |
| Opening Prayer | John Wofford |
| Sermon | Clifton Angel |
| Lord's Supper | Jeffrey Ferrell |
| | Jason Bayless |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Davis |

Wednesday, May 26

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| Song Leader | Tim Wilkes II |
| Prayer | Jerry Davis |
| Invitation | Clifton Angel |
| Prayer | Tim Meredith |

TECH: Daniel Owen
HALL: