- 5. "The Early Rain" is comparable to the early stages of the Christian life, when, a believer goes from spiritual infancy to supergrace; and however long it takes. This is the stage of the planting of the seed and the germination of the seed.
- 6. "The Latter Rains," or the period of the maturing of the grain prior to harvest. This is the entrance into the super-grace life. This is the point at which the believer shares God's happiness.
- Super-grace function demands total capacity from maximum doctrine <u>in the soul</u>. This is capacity for freedom, capacity for life, capacity for love, capacity for God's happiness, or +H.
 "Again I say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4b) with capacity for grace and capacity for prosperity.
- 8. No believer ever goes from spiritual infancy to supergrace without, **A:** his right pastor communicating; **B:** a local church in which there is strict academic discipline; **C:** the filling of the Spirit and the daily function of GAP; and **D:** persistence in the intake of Bible doctrine. You can't start and then quit; start and then quit.

James 5:8 You too <u>be patient</u> [constative aorist active imperative #43 of the verb, $\mu\alpha\kappa\rho\sigma\theta\nu\mu\omega$ (*makrothuméō*)]; <u>strengthen</u> [aorist active imperative #44 of the verb $\sigma\tau\eta\rhoi\zeta\omega$ (*stērízō*)] your hearts, for the <u>coming of the Lord</u> [the Rapture] is near. (NASB)

- **NOTE:** The phrase, "strengthen your <u>hearts</u>," is used only figuratively in the New Testament. The "heart" is the organ that keeps living beings alive: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals including Homo sapiens, yet there are at least ten sea animals that do not have hearts.²
- **NOTE:** No believer is capable of advancing in his spiritual life without regular attendance at a local church, or consistent use of an electronic contrivance under the teaching ministry of a pastor-teacher, and primarily one whose teachings begin with references to passages of Scripture from its original languages.
 - 1. The Bible class must begin with a time of personal prayer during which members may confess their sins to the Father which ensures that the person is filled by the Holy Spirit.

Starfish, Coral, Portuguese Man o' War, Brittle Star, Sand Dollar, Sea Urchin, Flatworm, Sea Cucumber, Sea Lilies, and Sea Anemone all of which are found at the bottom of the sea. Rather than blood, they need water circulating in their bodies to survive. This is why they don't have hearts or a blood circulatory system. https://animalvivid.com/animals-without-hearts/

- 2. The pastor-teacher's duty is to consistently study the Word during which he constructs a presentation from Scripture that conveys a clear statement of biblical principles and doctrines.
- 3. The Bible is the singular source of information provided by God for the believer to acquire and execute the will and plan of God.
- 4. Those in the congregation are students without portfolio. Each individual's inventory of divine thought can only be aggrandized by one's focus, concentration, inculcation, and subsequent retention within the soul's *kardía*.
- This brings us to the repetition of the opening phrase of James 5:7—"have patience," the constative aorist active imperative of the verb, μακροθυμέω (*makrothuméō*).
- 6. This refers to the daily intake of Bible doctrine accumulating in the soul, divine capital to be spent in the super-grace life: the intake, retention, metabolization, facilitation, and ultimate application of the immutable Word of God.
- 7. This is the divinely ordained system that God has provided to educate the believer about His Word which is <u>infallible</u>:

Incapable of error: unerring; not able to mislead, deceive, or disappoint; incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals.³

- 8. It is the Holy Spirit that makes it objective information, but which must be cycled into the heart for retention in long-term memory.
- 9. Between the Holy Spirit's revelation of a passage and its residence within the soul of the individual is achieved by an individual's free will.
- 10. When a principle is clearly communicated to a person, he has the obligation to respond with positive volition. However, his volition is a free agent and his inventory of ideas is free to reject the information.
- 11. This is classified as "negative volition." He has the necessary information to respond positively to the doctrine, but because of competing rejections from his sin nature, that person responds negatively.

³ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, eleventh ed. (Springfield: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2014), 639.

- 12. The Holy Spirit communicates objective information, but the information must be cycled by the believer through Operation Z: The Grace Apparatus for Perception.
- 13. God the Holy Spirit, at the point of salvation, imputes the gift of pastor-teacher to a select few men. It occurs at the moment a person expresses his faith alone in Christ alone.
- 14. Yet, only when that man prepares himself, and especially in the original languages, can he deposit doctrinal capital into his soul. So, whether you like it or not, you can't get along without your right pastor. He may be the most obnoxious person alive; but, you cannot get along without him. He can get along without you.
- 15. For congregations, to grow, it must occur in just two places: in a local church, or through the use of electronic contrivances. It is in the feeding trough, but you must confess your sins, focus, concentrate, and inculcate under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- 16. Volition is the key. For example: I started teaching *The Letter of James* on Sunday, October 2, 2016, and have continued verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter up to the present class. It started out with a full house. That was over seven years ago.
- 17. Since then, some have died, some have moved away, some have gone elsewhere locally, but the sad fact is that although I have continued to teach exegetically for over seven years, some have absconded to other sources for their spiritual food. My study and my delivery have always remained the same: "Study and teach; study and teach."
- 18. But some can feed at another trough, and it can be empty or on another subject. So, whether you like it or not, the strictest academic discipline in the world should be in the local church.
- 19. A believer priest sitting in a pew, on his gluteus maximus, is a student without portfolio. He can concentrate, learn, retain, facilitate, and ultimately apply immutable truth.
- 20. Those who choose not to do so fall off by the wayside. And then, sooner or later, they have to come face-to -ace with their right pastor even while they are dying. This is found in James 5:16, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." Or, when the country falls apart under reversionism, which is in verses seventeen and eighteen.