

**SUNDAY WORSHIP GUIDE:  
JAMES 1:9-18**

**A. SECTION 1: Sunday Service.**

**Two Songs**

1. In Christ Alone. – **Section 8**
2. I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin - **Section 8**

**B. SECTION 2: Scripture reading**

1. Isaiah 40:6-8.

**C. SECTION 3: Song**

1. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing/ Tukutendereeza Yesu - **Section 8**

**D. SECTION 4: Sermon (Text of the week)**

**James 1:9-18** “<sup>9</sup> Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

**Sermon:** Video on FB and Sermon notice on **section 7**.

**E. SECTION 5: Questions in the sermon**

**Theme: Who are we?**

**Points:**

1. **Put your identity in the eternal things. James 1:9-11**
2. **God blesses a Christian who perseveres James 1:12-15**
3. **God gives gifts to his children. James 1:16-18**

**Questions.**

1. Why should we find our identity in Jesus?
2. What is the difference between test and temptation?
3. Why does God test his people?
4. What kind of trials Christians face while witness Jesus?
5. What means available to guide and protect us while going through trials?
6. How do we become part of firstfruits?
7. What was the significance of firstfruits in the Old Testament? And What is the significance now to be called the firstfruit?

**F. SECTION 6: Response**

1. **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 8:37-39
2. **Two songs:** In Christ Alone
3. **Prayer:** Prayer requests
4. **Creed:** Apostle’s Creed.

## G. Section 7: Sermon notes:

### 1. Put your identity in the eternal things.

<sup>9</sup> Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass<sup>[a]</sup> he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. James brings the reality of the real life in the world not in the movie. The lowly and rich people. In the reality there will be poor and rich people. There will be poor in the world, in the church. James calls you to boast in the exaltation of Jesus. And for rich to boast in the humiliation of Jesus. In this life we will have comfortable life and uncomfortable. He give the illustration like a flower of the grass<sup>[a]</sup> he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. This life will pass away. In Christ there is no special status for a poor person or a rich person. The status of every person in Christ is being a child of God. Apart from being a child of God do not trust you earth identity because it will not pass to heaven. **Psalm 102:11-12, Isaiah 40:6-8.** James warns the believers not to find their identity in the things which will pass away. The word of God will remain and it eternal. It will not change. Be identified by the word of God.

### 2. God blesses a Christian who perseveres

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (The difference between tested and tempted. The tested - trials. In testing you will grow in faith and recognize the power of God. In **Hebrews 11:17. And in being tempted**. It is the bite Satan uses to pull you to his side. The goal of Satan is to tempter you so that you sin against God. And fail to repent so that sin becomes part of your lifestyle. God test and Satan tempts. Some word but with different results. Christians are warned against Satan **Matthew 4:3, and 1 Thess 3:5.** In temptation you start doubting God). **However someone who stand the trails, there is a promise. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial. (Sickness, jobless, cultural pressures).** When you wake up on the FMs in Uganda, you hear one thing join us to be blessed. Since James is calling to endure on the things which are eternal. You can find your blessing. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trails. God tests but the moment you endure the trails, you are blessed. God gives us the test or temptation which are which you can handle and lead you to worship him **1 Corinth 10:13.** When he tests you does not lead you to do evil to purify your faith. The great example is Job, and Jesus. Another one is Abraham. God tested Abraham about Isaac. In this test. God provided the Lamb. Because of our nature, were totally depraved. We still have the sinful nature. The temptation comes. The agent of temptations are Satan, the fallen nature, in temptation there is persuasion of fulfilling our happiness. The different is that the test from God enables you to grow in faith as **Peter puts it in 1 Peter 1:6-7** while the temptation leads you to sin. As look at enduring, it means you should learn to persevere because you are chosen and sealed by the Holy Spirit that you belong to God not this world. In your endurance of the hard situation in life, the doctrine of perseverance becomes practical for those who belong to Christ. They will persevere and the Word of God will remind them the promise they have in God. When you look at the promise the you will be glorified, they word reminds to endure because you belong to him. **Roman 8:29-30.** Through the trials. Hold on the truth. The Word of God.

### 3. God gives gifts to his children

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Christians do not be deceived. Christian life will have trials and every person will face them depending on what he is dealing with in life. With that in mind. It is important to know that **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.** Some people when they meet women in the morning in their mind even Christians want to go back home. Why? Because the culture teaches that first person you meet in the morning if is a woman then you will have a bad day. God is always good and every good gift comes from Him. Do not look at the person you have meet in the morning that will unlock the blessing of your day. Our God is not like other gods that he changes. **With whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.** Our God will be with us in the difficulties and joys. He will never change. **Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.** He saved us by his will so that we can be the firstfruits of his creature. The qualification to become the firstfruit is through trusting in Jesus since is the Firstfruit. He was the first to resurrected from the dead. **Colossians 1:15-20.** Since you believe in Jesus. This means you believe in his life, suffering, death, and resurrection. With that, you became **firstfruits of his creatures.** What was the significance of the firstfruits? **Live 23:10-11.** What is the significance now? **1 Corinth 15:22-23.** You are beautiful in the eyes of God and accepted. When the people of Israel took the firstfruits to God it was an announcement that everything belong to Him. By faith they believed that God will provide more and there will be a plenty of harvest. Jesus become the firstfruit from the resurrection, it is an announcement that there will be a great number of resurrection. As God saves you through Jesus, and now you take the status of the firstfruit. It is an announcement that there will great number of people who will get saved. This is a reminder of knowing who we have become because of Jesus. It is privilege for us to share the gospel. And believing in gospel is not in vain but a blessing.

#### H. Section 8:

##### 1. In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live  
There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## 2. I Will Follow by Chris Tomlin

### Lyrics

Where you go, I'll go  
Where you stay, I'll stay  
When you move, I'll move  
I will follow...

All your ways are good  
All your ways are sure  
I will trust in you alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in you alone (trust in you alone)

Where you go, I'll go  
Where you stay, I'll stay  
When you move, I'll move  
I will follow you  
Who you love, I'll love  
How you serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah  
I will follow you, yeah

Light unto the world  
Light unto my life  
I will live for you alone  
You're the one I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in you alone, in you alone

Where you go, I'll go  
Where you stay, I'll stay  
When you move, I'll move  
I will follow you  
Who you love, I'll love  
How you serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow you  
I will follow you, yeah

In you there's life everlasting  
In you there's freedom for my soul  
In you there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow

Where you go, I'll go  
Where you stay, I'll stay  
When you move, I'll move  
I will follow  
Who you love, I'll love  
How you serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow

Where you go, I'll go  
Where you stay, I'll stay  
When you move, I'll move  
I will follow you  
Who you love, I'll love  
How you serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah  
I will follow you, yeah  
I will follow you, yeah  
I will follow you, yeah

## 3. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### VERSE 1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it  
Name of Thy redeeming love

### VERSE 2

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

### VERSE 3

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter

Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

VERSE 4

Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

**4. Tukutendereeza Yesu**

*[Chorus]*

Tukutendeeza, Yesu  
Yesu Oli Mwana gw'endiga;  
Omusayi gwo gunnaazizza  
Nebaza, OMulokozi

*[Verse 1]*

Yesu Mulokozi wange  
Leero nze wuwo wekka

Omusayyi gwo gunnaazizza  
Yesu Omwana gw'endiga

*[Verse 2]*

Edda nafuba bufubi  
Okufuna emirembe;  
Leero mmaliridde ddala  
Okweyabisa Yesu

*[Verse 3]*

Nnaababuulira abantu  
Obulokozi bwonna  
Obutali bwa chitundu  
Obulamba obw'obuwa

*[Verse 4]*

Nnaategeezanga ebya Yesu  
N'obuvumu ne sitya;  
Eyanzigya mu busibe  
N'okuwonya yamponya

*[Verse 5]*

Neebaz (a) eyannunula nze;  
Eyamponya wa ky'isa!  
Yesu ankuuma ansanyusa era  
Bulijjo y'ebazibwe