

Lesson 4: Authentic Christian Faith, James 2:14-26

Faith That Is Dead, 2:14-17

1. Is faith necessary for salvation? (Heb. 11:6, Eph. 2:8, 2 Cor. 5:7, Rom. 14:23)
2. Can just “any faith” save a person? (2:14, 1:22-25, 7:21-23, 26-27)
3. How does James illustrate the answer to the question “can that faith save him?” (2:15-17, 1 Thes. 1:3, 1 Tim. 1:5, 2 Pet. 1:5-9)

The Demons' Faith, 2:18-19

4. Are faith and works mutually exclusive? (2:18, Matt. 7:17, Titus 2:7, 11-14)
5. What is evidence of one's faith? (2:18)
6. If this type of faith would save one, who could be saved by it? (2:19, Matt. 8:29, Acts 19:13-16)
7. What part of man is effected by this kind of faith? (2:19)

Saving Faith, 2:20-26

8. How does James describe faith without works? What kind of man thinks in this way? (2:20)
9. Whom does James use as an example of the “saving faith works” principle? What kind of works is James describing? Paul? (2:21-22, Rom. 4:1ff.)
10. How are we to understand this text alongside Romans 4:1-5? (Gen. 15:6, Gal. 3:6)
11. To what event in Abraham's life does Rom. 4:1ff refer? 2:21-23?
12. Can one be saved by “faith only”?
13. How was Rahab justified by faith? (2:25-26, Heb. 11:31, Josh. 2:19-21, 6:17, 22-25)