

James: A Letter from Jesus' Brother **Saving Faith — James 2:14-19**

What problem is James concerned about? (v.14-16)

Someone who says he has faith in Jesus, but who is settling for not obeying Jesus.

Why is James so concerned? (v.14)

Because if I say I have faith in Jesus, but am settling for not obeying Jesus, then that faith won't save me.

It's not that I don't have enough works to earn salvation, it's that if I'm settling for not obeying Jesus, then the faith I have won't save me; it's not saving faith.

Why can't that faith save me? (vv.17-19)

Because that faith is dead (v.17).

Because that faith is imaginary (v.18).

Because that faith is no better than the demons' faith (v.19).

What should we do?

Understand how serious this is (v.14).

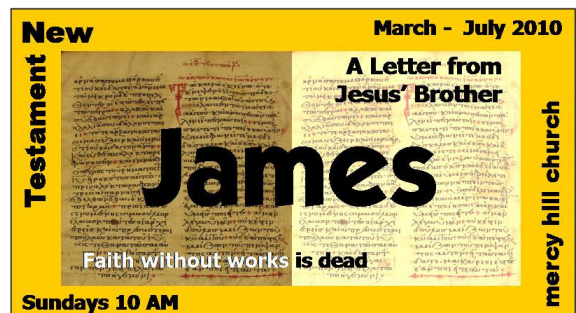
Don't think works will save you (v.14).

Understand that you can only be saved by faith in Christ (v.14).

Pray and ask Jesus to give you genuine, saving faith in Him (Eph 2:8-9).

Find relevant promises in God's Word (Luke 6:38).

Meditate on those promises until you are fully trusting Jesus (Romans 10:17).



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Are you thinking you have faith in Jesus, while at the same time settling for not obeying Him? If so, what is James telling you in this passage?

Do you agree that if someone thinks they have faith in Jesus, but they have decided not to obey Jesus, then their faith will not save them? Why or why not?

Does it make sense that demons can have a kind of faith (intellectual assent) without having it be genuine, saving faith (trusting all of who you are to all Jesus has promised to be)?

If someone lacks works, why isn't it enough just to add works?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

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