

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Book of James – Part 6

Faith that Works

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our study of the Book of James. Our topic today: Faith that Works.

Scripture Theme Song: “Bless the LORD” – Psalm 103:1-4

- 1) Dead faith
 - a) James 2:14-17
 - i) What is the problem here?
 - b) What examples does Jesus give of people with dead faith?
 - i) Matthew 7:21-23
 - ii) Matthew 23:27
 - 2) Living saving faith
 - a) James 2:18, 20 - How do our actions demonstrate that we have living faith rather than dead faith?
 - b) Ephesians 2:8-10 – saving faith leads to good works
 - c) Why are those who have a living saving faith zealous for good works? Titus 2:11-14
 - 3) Why theoretical knowledge is not enough
 - a) James 1:19
 - b) Contrast Mark 1:23-24 with Matthew 16:13-17
 - c) Why is it dangerous to have all of the information about the plan of salvation without making a commitment to accept God’s saving grace by faith?
 - i) Hebrews 3:12-15
 - 4) Examples of saving faith
 - a) Abraham: James 2:21-24
 - i) Genesis 15:1-6
 - ii) Genesis 22:1-19
 - iii) Romans 4:17-22
 - iv) Hebrews 11:17-19
 - v) What encouragement do you find in the story of Abraham?
 - b) Rahab: James 2:25
 - i) Joshua 2:1-21
 - ii) Hebrews 11:31
 - iii) Matthew 1:5
 - iv) What encouragement do you find in the story of Rahab? (God can save broken people).
 - c) Other examples of saving faith?
 - i) Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel
 - ii) Esther
 - iii) Zacchaeus
 - iv) Stephen
 - 5) Essential combination
 - a) James 2:26 – What is more important—the body or the breath?
 - b) What is more important—faith or works?
 - i) Faith is essential for salvation.
 - ii) Living faith is revealed in genuine works of righteousness.
 - iii) Work without faith is dead
 - iv) Faith without works is dead
 - 6) Discussion question: What vital lesson have you learned from our study today?