

JAMES 11

Can Faith Save?

1. 2:12-13 - Judged By the Law

- a. Judged by the law of liberty - John 8:32, 36 - free from sin
- b. The Spirit was a sign that they were free from the bondage of sin - 1 John 4:13
- c. Be merciful, speak and do! Don't be hypocrites - Matt 5:7, 6:15, 7:1-2
- d. The law was a system where they could obtain righteousness - Gal 3:21
- e. Do the law and live - Deut 6:25, 7:-11, 8:1, Psa 18:20, Eze 20:11
- f. But Christ was the end of the law for righteousness - Rom 10:3-4
- g. Afterward righteousness comes by faith in Christ - "just shall live by his faith"
- h. The new commandment where faith required works - John 13:34, 1 John 3:23

2. 2:14 - Can Faith Save?

- a. Examples of faith without works - Mat 3:8, 21:28, Acts 5:1-3, Acts 8:12-24, John 12:42
- b. James' answer: No. ~ Commentaries: Not the mere profession of faith.
- c. Faith without works is found here = Titus 3:5, Eph 2:8, Romans 4:5, 5:1, 2 Tim 1:9
- d. Can it save? Paul's answer: Yes, if your faith is in the mystery of the gospel.
- e. James faith is in Messiah, God, covenants - Jam 2:7, 19
- f. Jesus would not return for their salvation until later - Acts 3:19, Heb 9:28, 1 Pet 1:5
- g. They were waiting for the end of their "faith" - 1 Pet 1:9

3. 2:15-16 - Bodily Needs and Faith

- a. Faith in a Messianic kingdom requires works - Mat 14:14-20
- b. Have mercy to the poor and live - Proverbs 14:11, 20-21; 19:16-17
- c. The brethren need food, water, clothes - Matthew 25:40, 46
- d. Jesus' cross was an immediate example for the remnant group - 1 John 3:16-17
- e. They needed to follow Jesus into the kingdom - Mat 4:19, 6:31-33, 19:21
- f. What does it profit? It won't profit his soul - Mat 19:26, 16:24-26
- g. The remnant group sold all and gave to those in need - Acts 2:44-45, 4:33-35
- h. Paul was hungry and naked and did not shame them - 1 Cor 4:11