

## JAMES – LESSON 5

### V. PRACTICAL FAITH: ONLY EFFECTIVE THROUGH WORKS (2:14-26)

- A. Man's faith without works is dead (2:14-20, 26).
  - 1. No profit – cannot save
  - 2. Illustration: mere talk does not clothe and feed the needy.
  - 3. By works faith is shown.
  - 4. Illustration of faith apart from works: Demons believe that God is one and shudder.
  - 5. Illustration: faith without works is like the body without the spirit – body is dead.
- B. Man's faith with works justifies (2:21-25).
  - 1. Abraham was justified by works in offering up Isaac.
    - a. Faith wrought with works.
    - b. Faith was made perfect.
    - c. Genesis 15:6 was fulfilled.
    - d. He was called the friend of God.
  - 2. Rahab, the harlot, was justified by works in receiving the messengers of God and sending them secretly away.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. James' discussion on faith is considering:
  - (a). the faith of a saved Christian, not the faith of a sinner.
  - (b). the essential principle of saving faith.
  - (c). the faith that should be praised, but not considered essential to salvation.
- 2. A dead faith is a non-existing faith. (T) (F).
- 3. How do we manifest our faith in God?
- 4. What two illustrations are given to show that one can have a "dead faith"?
- 5. Show how James' consideration of Abraham's justification of faith does not contradict Paul's discussion of his justifying faith in Romans 4.
- 6. When was Genesis 15:6 fulfilled?

