FAITH THAT SAVES ... James 2:14-26 ...

- (1) **DEAD FAITH:** A person merely saying he has faith results in dead faith that doesn't save him or her, 2:14-17.
- (2) USELESS FAITH: Separating faith and works is a foolish idea which is held in willful ignorance and results in useless faith, 2:18-20.
- (3) **DEMON FAITH:** Believing only "in God" puts a person's spirituality on par with the belief system of demons, 2:19.
- (4) SAVING FAITH: Faith that is alive is completed and proved to be genuine by love and obedience to God, 2:21-26.

James is about ... Serving God through the trials of life through genuine faith.

James is not about ... Contending with Paul's concept of faith in Romans 3. As we will see, they fit perfectly. Same faith, different focus.

> **Paul's focus ...** The place of genuine faith in our salvation.

> > James' focus ... The nature of genuine faith.

INVESTIGATION OR DEAD ALIVE

James teaches us that ...

- Saying we have "faith" is meaningless and does not save.
- Professing "faith" without works of obedience is dead.
- Separating faith from obedience is foolishness.
- Saving faith is authenticated by love and obedience.
- Faith not validated by works of faith is dead.

LIFE OR DEATH? YES!

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