

Not By Faith Only

TEXT: James 2:24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MANY BELIEVE IN **FAITH ONLY** SALVATION.
- B. MANY BELIEVE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN WORKS AND SALVATION.
- C. GREAT CONTROVERSY - NEEDS STUDY.

I. THE EXACT ISSUE ADDRESSED(James 2:14-26).

- A. **vs. 15-16.** RIGHT ATTITUDE **ALONE** NOT ENOUGH.
- B. **vs. 18.** WORKS NECESSARY MANIFESTATION OF REAL FAITH.
- C. **vs. 19.** FAITH IN & OF ITSELF DOESN'T MAKE ONE JUST.
- D. **vs. 21-23.** ABRAHAM'S FAITH RECKONED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS **WHEN?**
 - 1. His **faith demonstrated** visibly **in his works**(**vs. 22**).
 - 2. Faith **brought to culmination** in offering of Isaac(**vs. 22**).
 - 3. Offering of Isaac was a result of faith(**Heb. 11:17-19**).
 - 4. **What does God regard in us?**(**Gal. 5:6**).
- E. **vs. 25.** RAHAB THE HARLOT.
- F. WHAT IS JAMES' CONCLUSION?(**vs. 17, 20, 24, 26**).
- G. OTHER RELATED PASSAGES(**Mat. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9; Gal. 5:6**).

II. BY WHAT WORKS IS A MAN JUSTIFIED?

- A. NOT BY WORKS OF MAN **WHICH HE DEVICES FOR HIMSELF.**
 - 1. What does human wisdom lead us to look for?(**1 Cor. 1:22-24**).
 - 2. Works of man make our worship useless(**Mat. 15:7-9**).
 - 3. They wrestle against Christ(**Col. 2:8**).
 - 4. They lead to perdition(**Mat. 7:21-23; Prov. 14:12**).
- B. NOT BY WORKS **OF THE OLD LAW**(**Gal. 2:16; Heb. 10:1-4**).
- C. NOT BY WORKS **OF MERIT**(**Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7; Luke 17:10**).
- D. NOT BY WORKS **THAT DO NOT DEVELOP** OR IN WHICH HE HAS BECOME **COMPLACENT.**
 - 1. Admonished to steadfastness(**1 Cor. 15:58**). Abounding!
 - 2. James deals with complacent Christians(**James 1:22**).
 - 3. So does Jesus(**Rev. 3:15-19**).
- E. JUSTIFIED BY WORKS **OF THE GOSPEL**(**Gal. 5:6**).
 - 1. A man must have faith - what is it?(**Heb. 11:6**).
How does it work? Demonstrated thruout **Heb. 11**.
 - 2. What is God's desire for us today.
 - a. Believe on his Son(**John 3:16**).
 - b. Repent of our sins(**Acts 17:30-31**).
 - c. All **will** confess(**Phil. 2:9; Rom. 10:10**).
 - d. Baptism(**Acts 2:38**).
 - e. **Rom. 6:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:14-15.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. DO YOU BELIEVE?
- B. HAVE YOU OBEYED?
- C. WHO DO YOU LIVE FOR?