

SAVED FOR WORKS NOT BY WORKS

Survey of James

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Defining universal epistles:
- B. Facts about the epistle:
 - 1. Date:
 - 2. Author:
 - 3. Recipients:
- C. The controversy that surrounds the epistle: (*Ja. 2:18*) (*Compare Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:5 with Eph. 2:10; Tit. 3:8*)
 - 1. Understanding faith:
 - 2. Understanding works:
- D. The theme of James with the theme of Scripture: (*Ja. 2:20*)

II. DISCOVERING YOUR FAITH BY EXAMINING YOUR WORKS:

- A. Genuine faith is stable: *Chapter 1*
 - 1. When going through trials:
 - 2. When being tempted:
 - 3. When applying Scripture:
- B. Genuine faith never fails: *Chapter 2*
 - 1. No room for prejudice:
 - 2. No room for intellectual indifference:
 - 3. It is actively obedient:
- C. Genuine faith won't explode: *Chapters 3-4*
 - 1. Examining my tongue:
 - 2. Examining my heart:
 - 3. Examining my will:
- D. Genuine faith won't panic: *Chapter 5*
 - 1. Rationally confronting money:
 - 2. Rationally confronting sickness:
 - 3. Rationally confronting carnality:

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY FROM THE LIFE OF ELIJAH: (Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. The epistle is calling me to "inspect" myself, not others.
- B. This epistle reminds me that I can't talk one way and walk another.
- C. The epistle is a sad reminder that not everyone who grows old, grows up.