

Series: Nuts & Bolts Christianity

James: Living Faith & Works

vs. **Dollar Store Christianity**

Text: James 2

James is the “How to” book of Faith

I. Faith Centered on Jesus Christ: (vs 1)

“respect of persons.”~ Partiality, Preference,

II. Faith Breaks Down Barriers: (vs 2-13)

We are ONE in Christ: (Gal 3:28)

God is no respecter of persons: (Rom 2:11)(Eph 6:9)

We are Judging by outward appearance: (Matt 7:1-2)

Contrary to the Plan and Purpose of God: (Vs 5-6)

Contrary to the Heart Beat of a Christian: (Vs 6-7)

Christians were Oppressed by the Rich (Vs 6)

Christians were Blasphemed by the Rich: (Vs 7)

Contrary to the Royal Law: (Vs 8-13)

(Gal 5:14) (Rom 13:9)

Dollar Store Christianity asks....

Who is my Neighbor? (Lk 10:29-37) Good Samaritan

James uses 2 Sins as an example: Murder & Adultery

Transgression of One Law is transgression of the Whole Law.

One day you will have to eat them: (2 Cor 5:10) (Matt 12:36)

III. Faith Manifests as Works: (Vs 14-26)

Inward Faith should bear Outward Fruit

Empty Words from Plastic Faith: (1 Jn 3:18)

IV. Where is the FRUIT? (Mark 11:13)

We can tell the kind of Christian we are by their fruits:

(Lk 6:43-46) *We are known by our fruits.*

Good Fruit vs Bad Fruit

(Matt 7:16-20) Actions Speak Louder than Words

(Prov 20:11) *“Even a child is known by his doings.”*

(Eph 5:3) *let it not be once named among you;*

(Jn 15:8) It is God’s will that we bear fruit!

How is Your Crop?

Love: (1 John 4:20)

Joy: Not circumstantial -

Peace: (Ps 119:165)

Longsuffering: (Eph 4:1-4)

Gentleness: (1 Th 2:7)

Goodness: Kindness/ Benevolence

Faith: (Heb 11:6)

Meekness: (Gal 5:23) Forbearance in provocations.

Temperance: Restraint from Sinful or Fleshly Indulgence!

Salvation does not guarantee Transformation:

Transformation became available to us!

Bearing Fruit is Daily Surrendering to the Spirit.

Dollar Store Christianity - Plastic Faith!

(Eph 2:10) Lifestyle of Good Works. (Titus 2:14)

(Titus 3:8) A Life Long Lifestyle of Good Works

Obedience of Abraham: (Vs 21-24)

The Experience of Rahab: (Vs 25-26)