



# A Study of James

**Week Six ⑥ 10/12 – 10/18: James 2:14-26**

## **Faith Test: Doing Good Works (Faith vs. Works)**

- **Homework:**

1. The Pharisees, who were arguably the most religious people of their time, are an example of having faith but not necessarily a “saving faith.” How does Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in **Matthew 23** (the seven woes) further illustrate how we can have faith but miss the mark on having a saving faith?
2. In contrast to the seven woes we read in **Matthew 23**, Jesus gave us eight Beatitudes to show how we can live a life that demonstrates authentic faith. As you read through **Matthew 5:1-11**, jot down how the eight Beatitudes differ from the seven woes and then answer the following questions.
  - a. How would you explain each beatitude to someone who was brand new to Christianity?
  - b. Which beatitude is most challenging for you to live out in your own life?
  - c. How do the Beatitudes relate to being “salt and light” in **Matthew 5:13-16**?
3. What do the following verses teach us about the difference between knowledge and obedience according to God?  
**Luke 6:46-49, 1 John 2:3-5, James 2:14-26,**