**James 1-2: God can make our dead faith alive again**

**Jesus is also a Savior of the Saved!**

**Main idea of the book of James = Respond well to trials**

**1. By welcoming them 1:2-11**

**2. By not blaming God 1:12-20**

**Sin brings death 1:15 – James’ concern**

**God brings life 1:16-18 – The condition of the readers**

**Major themes in James 1:19-20**

* **Quick to hear (1:21-2:26)**
* **Slow to speak (Ch. 3)**
* **Slow to anger (4:1-5:6)**

**Section I: Quick to hear**

**1. Hearing is more than just listening (1:21-27)**

**Saved from the ruin of sin**

**The place of God’s Word**

**2. Hearing is more than religious formalities (2:1-13)**

**3. Hearing involves an active faith (2:14-26)**

**“Saved” from what? – 2:14-17**

**The imagined Objector – 2:18-19**

**Who are we justified before? – 2:20-25**

**A dead body was once alive and other realities – 2:26**

**What does this have to do with Christmas? James 1:21 and lessons from Ebenezer Scrooge**