

A Faith that **WORKS** James 2:14-26

1. A true, saving faith in Jesus will be **EVIDENCED** by our **ACTIONS**. (Matthew 5:16, 13:8; Luke 6:46; John 13:35, 15:5,17; Galatians 5:6, 22-23, 6:9; James 1:22; 1 John 3:18; Romans 5:8)
2. True, saving **FAITH** and good **WORKS** are inseparable. (2 Corinthians 13:5; Genesis 22; Romans 4:3; Joshua 2; Matthew 7:21; Colossians 1:10)
3. Good works are not the **ROOT** of our salvation but the **FRUIT** of our salvation. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 1:17, 3:28, 4:4-5, 6:23; Matthew 3:8; John 6:28-29; Titus 3:5)
4. God gave us new life in Christ so that we could **DO GOOD WORKS!** (Romans 1:5; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; Hebrews 10:24; Titus 2:14, 3:8; Philippians 2:13)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. What 2 people from the Old Testament did James highlight as examples of a faith that works - a faith that led to action (Genesis 22, Joshua 2)? In what ways were their actions evidence of true faith in God?
3. Paul says, in Ephesians 2:8-9, "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works..." James tells us in James 2:24, "You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone." How do these 2 verses fit together without being contradictory?
4. John Calvin said this: "Faith alone justifies, but the faith that justifies is never alone." What does this mean? (Support your answer with Scripture.)
5. Imagine someone saying this: "I believe in Jesus and believe He died for my sins, but my faith seems dead and fruitless." What would you say to this person? Why is it concerning when someone professes a faith in Jesus but has no good works or evidence of a life change?