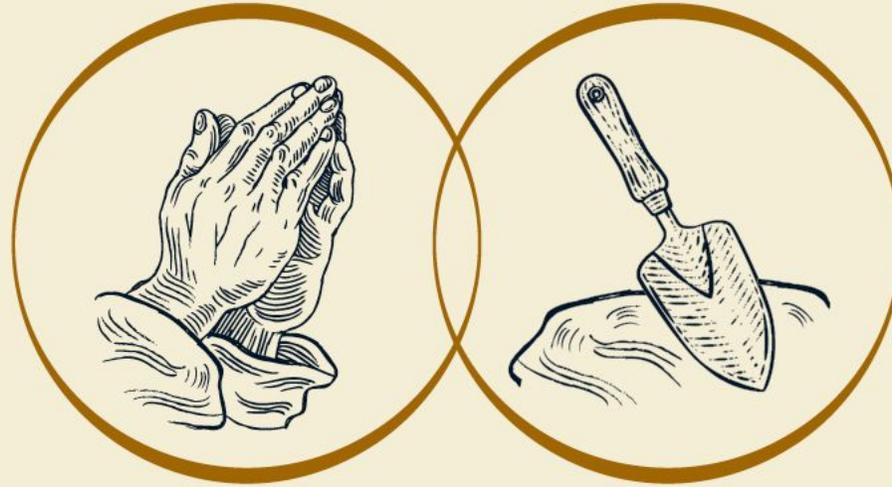


THE LETTER OF



# JAMES

FAITH



WORKS

# James 2:14-26

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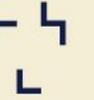
and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God,



# James 2:14-26

and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.





“...a misappropriation of Paul that turned  
“justification apart from works” into  
justification without obedience.”

Dan McCartney



# James 2:14

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# James 2:15-17

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“If your ‘faith’ doesn’t benefit others, it won’t benefit you either.”

Dan McCartney



# James 2:18

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.



# James 2:19

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# James 2:20-21

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# James 2:22-23

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# James 2:25

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# Matthew 12:37

“for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”



“Not all faith is redemptive... Obviously there is more to saving faith than merely conceding a set of facts. Faith without works is useless (v. 20). Yet some in contemporary evangelicalism refuse to allow for any kind of relationship between faith and works. With this limitation, they are forced to receive virtually any profession of faith as the real thing....

John MacArthur Jr



In fact, it is commonly believed that faith and commitment are innately disconnected. The typical idea of faith relegates it to a momentary act that takes place in the mind, a decision to believe the facts of the gospel... Herein lies the fallacy of today's popular approach to evangelism.

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The gospel appeal is tacked onto a wholly inadequate explanation of what it means to believe. The modern definition of faith eliminates repentance; it erases the moral significance of believing; it obviates the work of God in the sinner's heart; it makes an ongoing trust in the Lord optional.

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Far from championing the truth that human works have no place in salvation, modern easy-believism has made faith itself a wholly human work, a fragile, temporary attribute that may or may not endure.”

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