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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**  
 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him?  
 15 If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food

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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**  
 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it?  
 17 In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.

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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works.

<sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe—and they shudder.

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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**

<sup>20</sup> Senseless person! Are you willing to learn that faith without works is useless?

<sup>21</sup> Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works in offering Isaac his son on the altar?

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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**

<sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active together with his works, and by works, faith was made complete,

<sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend."

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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**

<sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup> In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works in receiving the messengers and sending them out by a different route?



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**James 2:14-26 (CSB)**

<sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.



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**Ephesians 2:8-9 (CSB)**

<sup>8</sup> For you are **saved by grace through faith**, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—

<sup>9</sup> **not from works**, so that no one can boast.



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**James 2:14 (CSB)**

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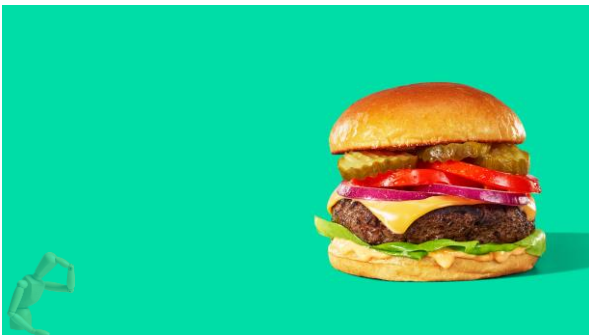
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**James 2:15-16 (CSB)**

<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food  
<sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it?



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1) The world doesn't need more well-wishers. The world needs more well-diggers.



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Sometimes we are so obsessed with inviting Jesus into our hearts that we have forgotten to also invite him into our hands.



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**James 2:17 (CSB)**

In the same way *faith*, if it does not have works, is *dead by itself*.



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**1 John 3:17 (NLT)**

If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?



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“We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.”

~ Martin Luther



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2) Acts of mercy to the poor and the needy are the natural overflow of true salvation.



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**Matthew 25:35-40 (CSB)**

<sup>35</sup> "For I was hungry and **you gave me** something to eat; I was thirsty and **you gave me** something to drink; I was a stranger and **you took me in**;  
<sup>36</sup> I was naked and **you clothed me**; I was sick and **you took care of me**; I was in prison and **you visited me!**"

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**Matthew 25:35-40 (CSB)**

<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?  
<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you?"

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**Matthew 25:35-40 (CSB)**

<sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?

<sup>40</sup> "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, *you did for me.*'"



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Am I a *possessor* of faith or just a *professor* of faith?



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**James 2:18 (CSB)**

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works.



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“The saints fed the hungry and clothed the naked because it gave them much pleasure to do so. They did it because they could not help doing it, their new nature impelled them to it. They did it because it was their delight to do good...



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They did good for Christ’s sake, because it was the sweetest thing in the world to do anything for Jesus.”  
~ Martin Luther,  
*The Final Separation*



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### They believe:

- God is One but three persons, Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- Jesus died and rose again.
- Forgiveness of sins is necessary for salvation.
- The God of the Bible created everything.
- Scripture is powerful and authoritative.
- The coming and eternal kingdom of God and hell.



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**James 2:19 (CSB)**

You believe that God is one.  
Good! Even the demons believe—  
and they shudder.



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3) Demons want us to have the  
same kind of faith as them.



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How would you behave differently  
if you weren't a Christian?



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**James 2:24 (CSB)**

You see that a person is **justified by works** and **not by faith alone**.



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**James 2:24 (CSB)**

You see that a person is **justified by works** and **not by faith alone**.

**Romans 3:28 (CSB)**

For we conclude that a person is **justified by faith** apart from the **works** of the law.

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**Mark 2:5 (CSB)**

*Seeing their faith*, Jesus told the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."



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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>1</sup> And you were *dead* in your trespasses and sins

<sup>2</sup> in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.

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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>3</sup> We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us,  
<sup>5</sup> **made us alive** with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are **saved by grace!**



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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>6</sup> He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>8</sup> For you are **saved by grace through faith**, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—  
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**Ephesians 2:1-10 (CSB)**

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, ***created in Christ Jesus for good works***, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.



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4) Our salvation is directly connected to our assignment.



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The best way we can honor the cross is by serving like the one who died on it.



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