(5) STONES CHURCH

GENUIINE FAITH

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(2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

--- Three types of Faith ---

1. _____ faith.

(James 2:19) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

Knowledge of God without ______ to God.

(Romans 1:21 ESV) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

2. _____ faith.

(James 2:14) What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?

Leaves without _____.

(Hebrews 12:11 ESV) For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

3. _____ faith.

(James 2:17) So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

• Belief with _____.

(James 2:18) Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

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(Titus 2:11-14 ESV) For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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(Acts 2:42) All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

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(James 2:21-24) Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.,

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(2 Corinthians 7:10 ESV) for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

✓ Genuine faith _____.

(1 John 3:23) And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.