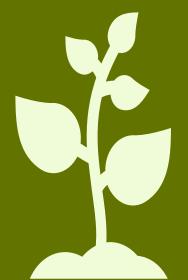
## James 2

vv. 14-26

















"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. - Matthew 5:16



### **Distractions**

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1. Works based salvation? No!

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10

### **Distractions**

- 1. Works based salvation? No!
  - 2. Fruit Inspectors? No!

#### James 2:14-26

- 14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?
- 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,
- 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?
- 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.
- 18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works"; Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works."
- 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
- 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?

#### James 2:14-26

- 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?
- 22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;
- 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God.
- 24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.
- 25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?
- 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.



# Faith without works is useless



#### Premise: Faith without works is useless

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#### **James 2:14**

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#### James 2:15-16

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#### **James 2:17**

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#### James 2:24

24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

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#### James 2:25

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#### James 2:26 - Premise

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# How can we glorify God with thriving faith?





# How can we glorify God with thriving faith?

Get to work!





# Ask God to reveal to you what works He has prepared for you in this season

