

**JAMES**  
Lifestyle (James 2)  
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**Basic Definitions**

- Salvation is when you and I place our faith in Jesus Christ.
- Faith is trusting the one who has done everything for us.

**2 Kinds of Counterfeit Faith:**

**1) Dead Faith**

*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? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:14-17*

- Dead faith is lip service but not a lifestyle.
- Dead faith is a profession with your mouth but not a practice of putting your faith.

**2) Intellectual Faith**

*"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." 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. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless." James 2:18-20*

- Every other religion says works, works, and more works. Christianity is the exact opposite.
- Even the demons believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- When all we have is intellectual faith it is useless faith.

**Living Faith**

*"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. Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works." James 2:21-26*

- Abraham and Rahab are key examples of living faith.
- It's not only about what we believe internally but how we live externally.

**Final Challenge**

- What does the evidence say about faith in your life right now?