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Faith and Works

A brief explanation of complex but necessary subjects of faith designed to whet the appetite.

James 2:18

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[to give the evidence or proof of a thing]

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James 2:22

Faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect.

James 2:14-17

What [does it] profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what [does it] profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Your <u>faith</u> is dead - destitute of force or power, inactive, inoperative.

Faith

Romans 3:27-28

Where [is] boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

Faith

Galatians 2:16

"knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Faith

Romans 4:1-4

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has [something] to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, <u>created in</u> <u>Christ Jesus for good works</u>, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 3:8

This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

1 John 3:17-18

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Luke 10:25-37 — The Certain Samaritan

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John 13:15, 17 (Washing Disciple's Feet)
"For I have given you an example, that
you should do as I have done to you...
"If you know these things, blessed are
you if you do them.

Conclusion

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Conclusion

Works - is applied to the conduct of men, measured by the standard of religion and righteousness. It is the fruit of our faith.

If it is for the sake of obtaining salvation, it is, as Paul says, not of God but for our own boasting. That would include religious acts as substitutes for faith or action (prayer, attendance, baptism, etc).

Resources

David Guzik, Enduring Word https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUECDb5G-H0

Gary Hamrick, Cornerstone Chapel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeouPT3Xw2c (16:40 mark)

John Miller, Revival Christian Fellowship https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqBKuE4aN8k

https://www.thebereancall.org/content/works-salvation-delusion