

The image depicts a vintage letter-writing scene. A piece of aged, yellowed, and torn paper is laid out on a dark wooden surface. In the top left corner, there is a small, round, light-colored inkwell filled with dark ink. On the right side, a black quill pen with a silver-colored ferrule and nib lies diagonally. Below the quill, there is a circular red wax seal, which is partially broken, with a dark string or cord looped around it. The text "A Letter from James" is centered on the paper in a black serif font, with "James" being significantly larger and bolder than the preceding words.

A Letter from
James

Putting our Faith into Action

Faith in Jesus saves you and changes you



James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have **faith** but has no deeds? Can such **faith** save them?

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How are we saved?

Ephesians 2:8 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.

Good works can't save you, but faith in Jesus leads to good works

**Good
Works = ~~Salvation~~**



**Salvation = Good
Works**



¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

True faith is alive and it is changing us to become more like Jesus

- How we respond to trials?
- How we respond to temptation?
- How we respond to the Word of God? (listening & doing)
- Are we quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry?
- Do we have a heart to help orphans and widows?
- Are we showing favoritism to rich and judging the poor?

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”
Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my
faith by my deeds. ¹⁹ You believe that there is one God.
Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.



Examples of Faith in Action

20 You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his **faith** and his **actions** were **working together**, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 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. 24 You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.



Is Your Faith in Action?