

True Faith Works

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Wednesday Evening

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Verse 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?

John Calvin

"Faith alone saves, but saving faith is never alone."

Verses 15-16...

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 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?"

Verse 17...

So you see, faith [by itself] [isn't enough]. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

Verse 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."

Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

What these two verses are saying is that...

First... Belief is a matter of the heart...

Second... Out of our heart comes our actions...

Verse 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.

Verses 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? 22 You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. 23 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. 24 So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

Verse 21...

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?

Romans 3:28 (NLT)

So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Romans 4:2 (NLT)

If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way.

Romans 3:20

“For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.”

Verse 22...

You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.

NKJV = ... by works faith was made perfect

FAITH IS OUR VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD... (1 John 5:4)

PRINCIPLE:

If faith isn't present in our heart... Then our actions can kill us...

Romans 10:17

FAITH comes by the hearing of the Word of God!