

THE BOOK OF JAMES
James 2:14-26
Rooted
Saving Faith



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John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Is It Possible To Love Others As Commanded By Christ
 Without Knowing The Love Of Christ First?**



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James 2:14–26

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



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James 2:14–26

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.



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And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.



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Snapshot

Keeping The Context

- Expect various trials
- Grow in faith
- Pray for wisdom in faith
- Let God exhale you
- Stay steadfast – follow God not your heart
- Know source... temptation or trial
- Actions reveal the heart... remember true religion
- Seek godly wisdom not worldly wisdom



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COMPASSIONATE FAITH vs. 14-17

One Of Two

- Dead – original state of being before Christ
 - Fallen sinful nature of all mankind
 - Guilt and condemnation remain
- Alive – new state of being after Christ
 - Only by faith in Jesus Christ
 - Alive because Jesus is alive



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COMPASSIONATE FAITH vs. 14-17

One Of Two

Compassion Received Brings Compassion Demonstrated

- Simple test of compassion
 - Reacting to true need
 - Actions or lip service
- Remember the issue in the church – James 2:1-13
 - Favoring the wealthy to gain earthly benefits
 - Belittling the poor as the world treats the poor



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COMPASSIONATE FAITH vs. 14-17

One Of Two

Compassion Received Brings Compassion Demonstrated

Mirror Tested – James 1:22-25

- Hearing must impact doing
- Receiving salvation transforms from death to life



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One Of Two

Compassion Received Brings Compassion Demonstrated

Mirror Tested – James 1:22-25

Faith In Action

- Empty words
- Demonstrated faith that God is provider
- Uncompassionate faith is dead faith



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WHAT IS THE ROOT OF YOUR
REACTION TO THOSE IN NEED?




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DEAD FAITH vs. 18-20

Evident Not Dependent

- Saving faith drives action
- Actions do not bring faith
- Not “Faith + Works = Salvation”



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DEAD FAITH vs. 18-20

Evident Not Dependent

Demonic Faith

- Know God is one
- Produces fear
- Does not produce salvation
- Dead and guilty



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Demonic Faith

Works Are A Result Of Faith

- Actions demonstrate faith – Matthew 7:16,17
- Dead faith and alive faith will be revealed
- Salvation by grace alone – Romans 5:1-5



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HEAD KNOWLEDGE
VERSUS
HEART CHANGE




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DEMONSTRATED FAITH vs. 21-26

Total Dependence Faith

- Abraham – father of promise
 - Ultimate test of faith – Isaac
 - Followed God's command
 - Believed God's covenant
 - Faith in God was demonstrated by obedience
 - Faith is reflected in action



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DEMONSTRATED FAITH vs. 21-26

Total Dependence Faith

- Abraham – father of promise
- Rahab – head knowledge or heart action
 - Fear of the God of the Israelites – others
 - Faith of the God of the Israelites – Rahab
 - Faith demonstrated by actions
 - Rewarded by inclusion in the lineage of Jesus



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DEMONSTRATED FAITH vs. 21-26

Total Dependence Faith

Body And Faith

- Spirit brings life to the body
- Works demonstrates true faith



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Do You Have A Life Altering
Faith In Christ?
Or
Do You Have A Dead Faith In
Just Knowledge Of Christ?



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