

Faith without Works Is Dead

James 2:14-26

- I. A Faith All Alone Benefits No One *vv. 14-17*
- A. A _____ to faith without works cannot save. *v. 14*
 - B. Words without deeds do no _____. *vv. 15-16*
 - C. The kind of faith which is _____ is dead. *v. 17*
- II. A Faith without Works Cannot Be Seen *vv. 18-19*
- A. Faith cannot be seen without works. *v. 18*
 - B. Faith can be seen by works. *v. 18*
 - C. There is a kind of faith which even _____ have. *v. 19*
- III. A Faith without Works Accomplishes Nothing *vv. 20-23*
- A. The kind of faith that is without works, _____ nothing. *v. 20*
 - B. Abraham was vindicated by works. *vv. 21-23*
 - 1. He was vindicated when he offered Isaac. *v. 21, Gen 22:12*
 - 2. His faith was _____ with his works. *v. 22*
 - 3. His works brought his faith to _____. *v. 22*
 - 4. This fulfilled what was already a reality. *v. 23, Gen 15:6*
- IV. A Faith that Works Can Vindicate *vv. 24-25*
- A. A man is vindicated by _____ and not by faith _____. *v. 24*
 - B. Rahab too was vindicated by works. *v. 25*
 - 1. She was not vindicated by her _____. *v. 25, Josh 2:1*
 - 2. She was not vindicated by her _____. *Josh 2:4-6*
 - 3. She was not vindicated by her _____. *Josh 2:9-11*
 - 4. She was vindicated when she sent the spies _____. *Josh 2:16-21*
- V. A Faith without works is as dead as a body without a spirit. *v. 26*
- A. If our faith is not bearing fruit, it is _____ and will not save us.
 - B. Our faith can only be seen by our _____, so let us abide in Christ and bear much fruit, and _____ to be His disciples.

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¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ 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.

²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ 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? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.