

Faith and Works

James 2:14-26, Part 2

I. Summary of James 2:14-26.

- A. The kind of faith that has no works cannot _____ you.
- B. Living faith _____ and those works are the fruit of faith.
- C. Faith alone cannot vindicate us, but the works of _____ can.

II. What Does James Mean by Works?

- A. He does not mean obedience to an _____ law. *Jam 2:1, 5; cf. Gal 2:16; 3:10*
- B. He means the _____ of internal reality. *Jam 1:2-4, 23-25; 3:13, 17-18*

III. Is There a Conflict between James and Paul?

- A. On the _____ it certainly appears so. *Rom 3:28 vs. Jam 2:20, Rom 4:2 vs. Jam 2:21, Gal 2:16 vs. Jam 2:24*
- B. In reality there is _____ conflict.
 - 1. Paul's focus is the _____ or _____ of salvation. *Rom 4:4-5; 9:30-32; 11:5-6; Gal 3:10; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5*
 - 2. James' focus is the _____ or _____ of salvation. *Jam 1:18, 22, 26; 2:1, 21-22; 3:10-12*

IV. Is This Teaching Unique to James?

- A. It was the teaching of _____.
 - 1. Matthew 7:15-27 – You will recognize them by their _____.
 - 2. Luke 8:5-15 – Some will believe for _____ and fall away.
 - 3. John 3:16-21 – What we do _____ who we are.
 - 4. John 14:12-24 – If we _____ Jesus, we _____ His word.
 - 5. John 15:1-11 – Bearing fruit _____ that we are His disciples.
- B. It was the teaching of the _____.
 - 1. Peter – Acts 8:12-13, 18-22; 2 Peter 1:5-8.
 - 2. John – John 3:36, 1 John 2:3-6, 29; 3:4-10; 4:19-21.
 - 3. Paul – Romans 6:16-18, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 2:10; 4:17-24; 5:3-7, Colossians 1:9-10; 3:5-8.

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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.

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