

Faith Works
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James 2

Straight Talk

Favoritism Forbidden!
Faith without Deeds is Dead!

Hear and Do
Not Hear and Know

Favoritism Forbidden!
James 2:1-13

Symptom
Not Loving People as God Loves

James 2:8 "the Royal Law"

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All of the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Applications for James 2:1-13

What should you do instead ?

- Trust God. God will take care of you (not another person)
- Surrender to God. Serve others better
- Speak and act according to the law that gives freedom.

Faith without Deeds is Dead!
James 2:14-26

Faith without WORKS is Dead!

Symptom:
Lack of Action
Lack of Evidence

Ephesians 2:8-10

By grace you have been saved, through faith- it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

You are not saved **BY** your works and service
You are saved **FOR** your works and service.

Cause and Effect

Cause: The source. We are saved by faith alone. God did a work in us.

Effect: The evidence. Our work is an outflow of our saving faith.

Faith is about being saved. Salvation is a gift and not earned.

Works are about pleasing God.

Works are an act of obedience.

What you **do** is evidence of what you **believe**

John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands."

Matthew 22:37-40, "...and the greatest commandment is this..."

1Peter 4:10, "...use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."

FAITH WORKS

Faith did its **WORK** in us so that we can do **WORK** to glorify God

Examples

Abraham

Rahab

Peter

Summary

- Works are an outflow of a saving Faith

Ephesians 2:8-10

- Works are evidence of your faith and obedience to God.

Matthew 22:37-40

- Put it into Practice

Matthew 7:24: Parable of Wise and Foolish Builders. "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."