



TRUE FAITH

James 2:14, *What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?*

Ephesians 2:8-10, *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

- ★ PAUL: deals with the role of Works BEFORE Salvation
- ★ JAMES: deals with the role of Works AFTER Salvation
- ★ We are not saved BY Good Works, but to DO good works!
- ★ True faith will change the way we treat other people.

WORKLESS FAITH

James 2:15-18, *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. 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.*

- ★ When James says that "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead", he doesn't mean that it simply looks dead on the outside, but that it's dead to the core.

1 John 3:17-18, *But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

FAITH WORKS

12: Good For Nothing?

Matthew 7:16-21, *You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit...Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

FAITH IS MEANT

James 2:8, *If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.*

- ★ At some point you have to stop merely hearing sermons about loving others, or studying it, or even praying about it, and you need to get out there and actually do it!



BIBLE: *What scripture has most captured your attention this week?*

FAITH: *What will you do this week to exercise your faith by loving someone who is in need of a basic necessity (like food, clothing, shelter)?*

THANKFULNESS: *What are we thanking God for today?*

OIKOS: *What opportunity is God giving you in your oikos relationships?*

SERMON: *What idea from this week's sermon are you attempting to apply?*