

James 2:14-26
"Show It"

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1. Introduction

- a. Context: Jms 2:13 mercy triumphs over judgment
- b. Jms 2:18 show my faith by my works
- c. Faith without works??
- d. Salvation free gift Eph 2:8-9
- e. Evidence of faith needs to show
 - Mt 7:16-20 By people's fruit shall you know a person
 - Jms 2:10 any person offend law in one point, guilty of sin
 - x Rabbinical Judaism - keeping Law
 - x Rabbinical Judaism misunderstood purpose of Torah law
- f. But God wants faith - Heb 11:6

2. Predicament

- a. Jms 2:14-18
- b. Unmet Needs (essentials) - vs. 14-15
 - replacing faith with words?
 - thinking words as good as faith
 - giving comfort words instead of essential needs (food, shelter, clothes)
 - Gal 2:9-10 remember the poor
 - 1 Jn 3:17 how any love when you don't meet person's needs?
 - Gal 6:10 do good to all, specially to Christians
- c. Unmet expectations - vs. 16-18
 - Living saving faith produces works
 - Christian lives differently
 - Faith that works
 - God gives sunshine & rain to all
 - God's conclusion
 - x Mt 7:21 Not words only to go to heaven
 - x Titus 1:16 profess to know God but deny God in their works

3. Principles to Live By (vs. 19-20)

- a. Personal faith
 - live for Christ now (by your works)
 - Rom 10:9-10 confess with your mouth Lord Jesus & believe in your heart God raised Jesus from dead

3 a. (cont)

- believe? believe in God?
- Jms 2:19 demons believe & tremble
 - x all demons know Jesus (4 gospels)
 - x all confess Jesus & know their final judgment
- 2 Cor 5:21 God made Jesus to be sin for Christian to make us righteous before God - GOD'S WORK
 - * Rom 5:1 peace with God

b. Production of Fruit

- example of God ~~Acts~~
 - x Acts 10:38 Jesus of Nazareth doing good
- Christian example
 - x Eph 2:10 Christian created to good works - Christian is God's workmanship
- faith without works is dead
- fruit comes from the inside out
 - x from the heart a good man speaks good things - Lk 6:45

4. Patterns (vs. 21-25)

a. Authentic Abraham - ~~Gen 15~~ LIVING FAITH

- justified by works
- Gen 15:4-6 Abraham believed God to have a son - counted for righteousness
 - x Abraham then without children
- then ultimatum
 - x Heb 11:17-19 God believed that God able to raise up Isaac from the dead
- * x Jms 2:22 faith working together with works
 - * faith made complete
 - * Abraham justified by his works

(vs. 21, 24)
- Jn 15:13-14 Greatest love, man lay down his life for his friends

b. Radical Rahab (vs 25)

- also justified by works
- received 2 spies in Jericho & hid them
- Heb 11:31 she received spies with peace
- Mt 1:5 Rahab married Salmon
 - x their son Boaz who married Ruth

5. Conclusion - (vs. 26)

- Body without spirit is dead
- Faith without works is dead
- Dead faith opposite to living faith